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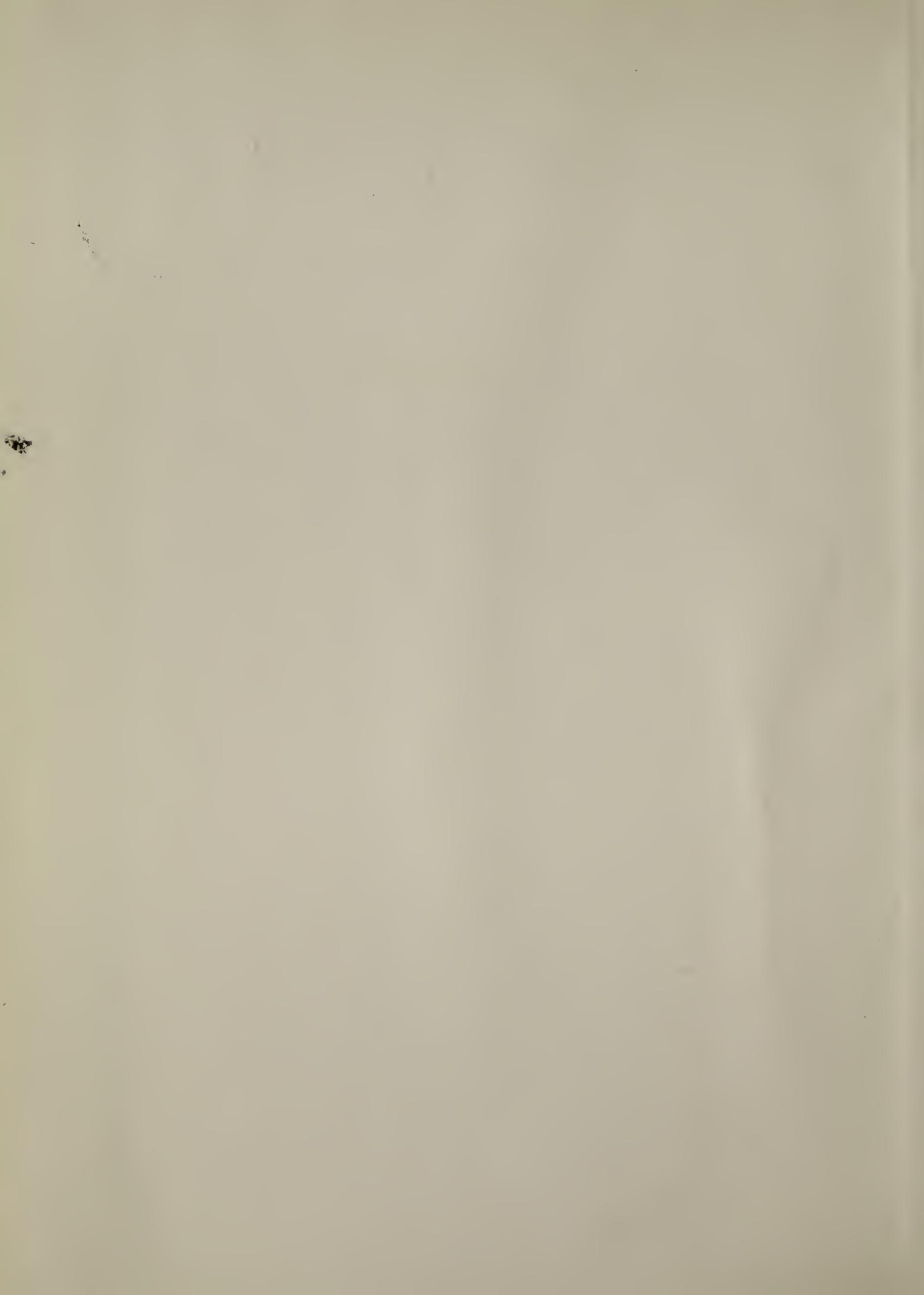
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THE GENEALOGY AND STORY

Of the Family of

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"A people that take no pride in the noble achievements  
of remote ancestors will not achieve anything worthy  
to be remembered with pride by remote generations."

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"Our design in printing these genealogies is to gratify a natural desire, which most persons feel, to know something of their forefathers, and to show how family trees in a few generations interlock their branches. It is more creditable to transmit an honorable name to one's children than it is to derive it from one's ancestors, and to be descended from good and true men than from a long line of unworthy forefathers, even though it be a line of kings and queens. But it seems to be unnatural and irrational to attach more value to the pedigrees of horses and herds than to the pedigrees of men and women. One end of history is to reproduce the past for the gratification and instruction of the present, and it is surely (at least) an innocent curiosity to look back at those who in the past century cleared the land which we now till, and who laid the foundation of the institutions under which we live."

"A History of St. Mark's Parish." p. 117, Virginia, 1877.  
Rev. Philip Slaughter, D.D.



## FOREWORD

This booklet is intended primarily to present the genealogy of Robert K. Garnett and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, so far as known to their children, and of their descendants down to date and the story of their family. Their final homestead was a second-class mortgaged 160-acre farm near the Village of St. Marys, Hancock County, Illinois. Here their eight children who lived to maturity spent their youth. Farming is a family operation, and all of the children early learned to share in the work and to assume responsibility, but even with all hands working, the farm furnished a scant living for so many.

In those days farm life was confined to the farm. There were neither paved roads, nor automobiles, nor telephones, nor radio, nor television, nor electric lights, nor rural mail delivery. The nearest town was five miles away, and it had no moving picture theatre nor other form of entertainment. The children had to furnish their own entertainment. They played indoor games when the weather was bad and outdoor games when it was pleasant, whenever they had time from their work to play any games at all. In summer the dirt roads were inches deep in dust, in the winter they were often deep in mud or frozen too rough for a wheeled vehicle or impassable with drifted snow, and in the spring when the frost went out of the ground, they were a mire of mud.

This isolation of the family brought the children into a close relationship and gave them many experiences in common in both work and play. Because of this in part and in part because of their blood kinship and family ties, they developed an affection for, and interest in, the welfare of each other that is lacking in many families, especially the modern ones, and that has continued unabated through the years. For their own pleasure and for the benefit of their descendants, the children of the family of Robert K. Garnett and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett are publishing this genealogy and the story of that family. Since this is their story, the first person is sometimes used in comments and in the sketches and narrative portions, and where so used, it refers to them.



## COAT OF ARMS

The custom of using a Coat of Arms may be traced to very early times, as the standard of The Twelve Tribes of Israel, of the Egyptians and the Roman Eagles. From these times grew the custom of clans and families distinguishing themselves from others by signs and emblems. After a while it was considered a right of all noblemen to use a Coat of Arms. No two families were allowed to use the same. A Coat of Arms is composed of a shield or escutcheon on which the charges or emblems are depicted. Often the charges have some relation to the names or residence of the user.

**THE CREST:** is the ornament which surmounts the helmet. Only those families which were of tournament rank were entitled to a crest.

**THE WREATH:** is a skein of silk with a gold or silver cord twisted around it, and then placed as a fillet upon the helmet to cover the joining of the crest thereto.

**THE MOTTO:** is "a word, saying, or sentence which gentlemen carry in a scroll under the arms and sometimes over the breast". Mottoes may be taken, changed or relinquished as often as the bearer thinks fit.

The term "Coat of Arms" is derived from the textile garment or "surcoat" which was worn over the armour, and which bore in embroidery a duplication of the design upon the shield.

The meaning of the COLOURS: Or, gold, light, fortitude. Arg. (Argent) silver, water, morning, hope. Gu. (Gules) red, fire, manhood, charity, autumn. Az. (Azure) blue, air, justice. Sa. (Sable) black, night.

**THE SHIELD:** without the shield there can be neither coat of arms nor achievement. It is the shield upon the existence of which everything else hangs or depends, and it is the shield which is of first and greatest importance.

**THE HELMET:** inasmuch as everybody during the period of warfare in armour wore a helmet, so everybody who has a shield of arms has the right to some helmet or other.





Eloue Hobble

Garnett



## GARNETT COAT OF ARMS

COAT OF ARMS: Gules a lion rampant Argent within a bordure  
engrailed Or.

CREST—A hand holding a swan's head and neck erased proper.

MOTTO—Diligentia et Honore.

GARNETT—A granary (Welsh: Garnedd: an ancient place of Druid  
worship).

THE HAND: pledge of faith, sincerity, and justice.

SWAN: lover of poetry and harmony, a learned person.

THE LION RAMPANT—courage and generosity.

RED WITH SILVER—Envy revenged.

BORDURE DOVETAILED OR—worthy kinsmen.

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*Eloise Hobble, Artist.*



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## THE GARNETT FAMILY

"The Garnetts are of Norman-French origin and the name is said to be a diminutive of Garin or Guerin. In one of the 'Chansons de Geste', Garin de Loheraine, a paladin of Charlemagne, was a popular hero whose exploits were celebrated by the Trouveres. The name appears in England in the eleventh century when we find Ralph de Gernet, a Norman knight and one of the few feudatories of Roger de Poictiers who held the honor of Lancashire from the Conqueror, acting as a witness to grants of land in that county. During the reign of Henry I (1100) a royal forest was established of all the land lying in Lancashire between the Ribble and the Mersey and Vivian de Gernet was appointed Hereditary Forester, an office which continued to be held by members of the family until the royal domain was broken up in 1280. Distinct branches of the family appear in the sixteenth century at Kirby Lonsdale and at Casterton in Lancashire, across the border at Kendall and at Eaglescliffe in Westmoreland and at Ottley in Yorkshire. The branch at Ottley has had the distinction of producing for the last four generations scholars and writers who have gained recognition in the field of English letters. Jeremiah Garnett, 1793-1870, was the founder and for forty years editor of the 'Manchester Guardian', a periodical which exercised no inconsiderable influence on English public opinion. His elder brother, Rev. Richard Garnett, was a scientist and philologist and the Assistant Keeper of Printed Books at the British Museum, author of 'The Relics of Shelley', 'The Twilight of the Gods', 'The Age of Dryden', 'History of Italian Literature', 'Lives of Thomas Carlyle and John Milton' and was co-editor with Edmund Gosse of a four volume 'Illustrated History of English Literature'. \* \* \* Two of Richard's sons attained literary prominence—Robert Singleton Garnett, who died in 1932, was the translator of Alexander Dumas, pere, and the author of several works. \* \* \* The other son, Edward Garnett, is an eminent critic and author, and first gave encouragement to Joseph Conrad, W. H. Hudson, John Galsworthy and Stephen Crane. \* \* \* His son, David Garnett, is a writer of brilliant prose, and his latest novel, 'Pocahontas', is a vivid and most interesting portrayal of that romantic Colonial Figure.

"The name of Garnett appears at a very early date in the records of



Virginia. In a 'Muster of Inhabitants taken in 1624-25' Thomas Garnett was living at Elizabeth City, aged 40, having come to Virginia in 1610 in the good ship 'Swan'. Living with him were his wife, Elizabeth, aged 26, who came in the 'Neptune' in 1618, and their young daughter, Susan, aged three. Thomas Garnett was thus born in 1584-5, and David Garnett says he was probably the Thomas Garnett, son of Robert, who was baptized in the parish church at Kirby Lonsdale, Lancashire, on December 14, 1585, and therefore related to Thomas Garnett, son of Anthony and Susan Garnett who in 1565 rebuilt and lived in the thirteenth century house at Kendall in Westmoreland known as the Castle Dairy. \* \* \* In the Land Office at Richmond in Grant Book No. I, p. 201, is recorded the patent from Governor John West under date of July 3, 1635, granting unto Thomas Garnett 200 acres of land, lying along the Little Poquoson Creek (Elizabeth City County) due to him for the transportation into the Colony at his own cost of four persons. It is not known whether there were other children born to Thomas and Elizabeth Garnett besides the Susan mentioned in the Muster of 1624. The will of Thomas Garnett has not yet been located, nor has the writer been able to find any records relating to him subsequent to the patent of 1635.

"The earliest Garnett from whom descent at this time can be traced is John Garnett (I) to whom under date of April 16, 1683, the Governor, Thomas Lord Culpeper, issued a grant of 260 acres of land lying on the south side of Garden Creek in Gloucester County, between the lands of John Smither and John Diggs (Grant Book 7, p. 239); 180 acres of which had been purchased by him of Humphrey Roy on June 15, 1676, and the remaining 80 acres being due him for the transportation at his own cost into the Colony of two persons, Elizabeth Tindal and Thomas Combs. In the Quit Rent Roll of Gloucester County taken in 1704, John Garnett is listed as owning 250 acres. In a deed of June 8, 1709, recorded in the Essex County Deed Book No. 13, p. 225, the grantor, Thomas Garnett, of St. Anne's Parish, Essex, planter, is described as 'one of the sons and devisees of John Garnett, late of the Parish of Kingston, in the county of Gloucester'. In consideration of 3,500 pounds of tobacco Thomas Garnett conveys unto John Foster 50 acres of land on the south side of the Rappahannock River, being part of a tract of 600 acres purchased by John Garnett, deceased, from John Barker, lying on the Rappahannock River near



Moseley's Quarter, and more particularly the said Thomas Garnett's share of the 150 acres which John Garnett had by his last will, dated November 12, 1703, given to his son, Anthony Garnett, who having died before he attained the age of twenty-one years, his share did then by right belong to the surviving children of the said John Garnett, of which the share of Thomas Garnett was the 50 acres therein conveyed. The deed is witnessed by Salvator Muscoe and William Taylor. John Garnett (I) appears to have had four children: John (2), Thomas (2) and Anthony (2) who died young, and another, probably a daughter, whose name is not known. Thomas Garnett (2) who made the deed of June 8, 1709, moved from Gloucester into Essex and took up his residence in St. Anne's Parish. \* \* \* ."

Reference: "The Garnetts of Essex County and their Homes" by William Garnett Chisholm, *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XLII, No. 1, January, 1934, wherein the facts stated are fully documented by footnote references.



# GARNETT GENEALOGY OF ROBERT K. GARNETT AND HIS DESCENDANTS

"The will of Thomas Garnett has not yet been located and most of the Elizabeth City County, Virginia records were destroyed by fire, but the land grants to Thomas Garnett in Elizabeth City and to John Garnett in Gloucester County with dates, the repetition of names, etc., have furnished acceptable proof of relationship between Thomas, the emigrant, and John of Gloucester County for our best genealogists and for such organizations as 'The Order of the First Families of Virginia' and 'Colonial Dames'. An excerpt from a letter written October 21, 1937 by Mr. Robert A. Stewart of Richmond, Virginia (genealogist) says 'Through my investigation for Miss Tebo, I have come to the conclusion that Thomas Garnett who came to Virginia in 1610 and hence as an 'Historical Founder' would be considered 'Eligibility' by the Virginia Society, is the father of John Garnett who appears late in the records and the grandfather of John Garnett of Gloucester County, Virginia from whom Miss Tebo's line of descent is fully established. The early Gloucester County court records are missing, but I think the link between John of Gloucester and the early Thomas may on reasonable grounds be accepted.'

*From Manuscripts of Esther Garnett Bybee, D.A.R. Library*

## THOMAS GARNETT

## *First Generation*

Probably the son of Robert, who was baptized in the parish church at Kirby Lonsdale, Lancashire, England on December 14, 1595. Came to Virginia in the good ship "Swan" in 1610. Married Elizabeth (?) born in England 1598/9, who came to Virginia in the "Neptune", 1618. They settled in Elizabeth City County where both died.

## CHILDREN

1. Susan—b. 1621
2. John—b.?
3. Thomas—b.?



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## \* JOHN GARNETT

*Second Generation*

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Garnett born in Elizabeth City County sometime after 1624. Land Book L pp. 226 shows he was living there in 1635. Probably died there.

## CHILDREN

1. John
2. Thomas

## \* JOHN GARNETT

*Third Generation*

Son of the above John Garnett, born in Elizabeth City County cir. 1648. Died in Kingston Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia bet. 1704/9 where he moved cir. 1669. Under date of April 16, 1683, the Governor, Thomas Lord Culpeper issued him a grant of 260 acres of land (grant Book 7, pp. 239), 180 of which had been purchased by him June 15, 1676, and the remaining 80 being due him for the transportation at his own cost into the Colony of two persons, which suggests that he had been in the Colony for some time prior to the grant. (Land Book 7, pp. 289).

Order Book 1692-1695, pp. 84, Essex County. Deed by John Baker of Kingston Parish, Gloucester County to John Garnett of said Parish and County, "planter" by which John Baker conveyed to John Garnett 600 acres of land in Essex County.

## CHILDREN

1. John
2. Thomas
3. Anthony (who died young.)
4. Name unknown—probably a daughter

## \* 2. THOMAS GARNETT

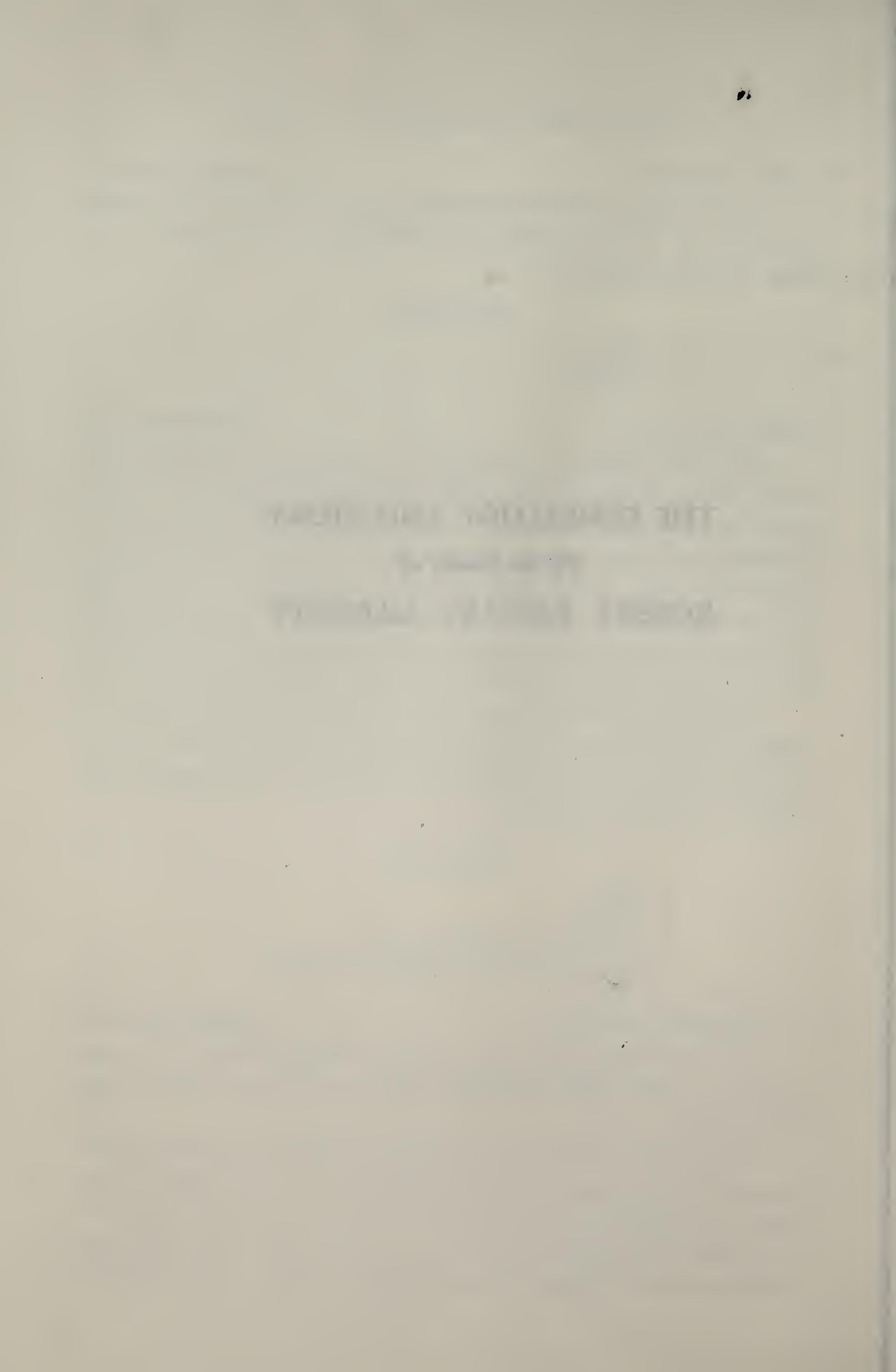
*Fourth Generation*

Son of the above John Garnett, born in Kingston Parish, Gloucester County cir. 1680. Married Elizabeth (?). Died St. Anne's Parish, Essex County 1743.

In a deed of June 8, 1709 recorded in Essex County Deed Book No. 13, pp. 225, the grantor, Thomas Garnett of St. Anne's Parish, Essex, planter, is described as "one of the sons and devisees of John Garnett late of the Parish of Kingston in the County of Gloucester." In consideration of 3,500 pounds of tobacco Thomas Garnett conveys unto John Foster



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50 acres of land on the south side of the Rappahannock River, being part of a tract of 600 acres purchased by John Garnett, deceased. It would seem that the purchase of this land was what led Thomas to move from Gloucester to Essex County.

His will dated October 20, 1733 and recorded in Essex County 1743 (Will Book 7, pp. 60) recites the following: "Having several small children it is my will that my wife, Elizabeth, have the use of my estate during her natural life for support of my said children." Since Anthony was not mentioned it is presumed he was already of age. Could be son of an earlier marriage. Thomas was rather old at the time of his will (1733) to be the father of young children.

### CHILDREN

1. Anthony
2. John
3. Sarah
4. James
5. Joyce
6. Mary
7. Avie
8. Thomas

#### • 1. ANTHONY GARNETT

#### *Fifth Generation*

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Garnett, born cir. 1709 in St. Anne's Parish, Essex County, Virginia. Married Elizabeth (Bowler) Jones, eldest daughter of Robert Jones and widow of John Bowler, before 1733.

There were three Anthony Garnetts. The deed by Thomas Garnett to John Foster, in 1709, shows that John Garnett of Kingston Parish, Gloucester County, then deceased, had a son named Anthony who died before he was 21 and, by the terms of the will, the property conveyed went to Thomas Garnett.

Deed and Will Book No. 14, page 225, Essex Co., Will of John Garnett, dated October 7, 1713; he devised his entire estate in land to his three loving sons, James, John and Anthony.

Deed Book No. 22, page 230, Essex County, Deed by Anthony Garnett, of Parish of St. Anne, County of Essex, to John Garnett of the



Parish and County aforesaid "planter," by which Anthony Garnett conveyed to John Garnett land "which was given unto the said Anthony Garnett by the last will and testament of his father John Garnett, Dec'd, late of the County of Essex, Parish of St. Anne, containing by estimation 50 acres situate in the Parish, County and Colony aforesaid and adjoining to said John Garnett, party to these presents." Dated May 10, 1741. Witnessed by James Garnett, Jr. and Anthony Garnett. Anthony Garnett, Jr. acknowledged this deed with livery of seisen endorsed to John Garnett to be his act and deed. Signed "Anthony Garnett, Jun."

In a deed by Anthony Garnett and his wife, Elizabeth, in 1736, Deed Book No. 21, page 17, Essex County, Anthony Garnett described himself as of Essex County; but in a deed given in 1758, Deed Book 28, page 115, Essex County, Anthony and his wife, Elizabeth, said that they were of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County and that Anthony was the son of Thomas Garnett. This indicates that John Garnett of St. Anne's Parish, whose will was probated in 1713 and Thomas Garnett of the same Parish both had sons named Anthony, and that John's son Anthony took the "Jun." after his name.

Ref. "Some notes on the Early Garnett Families of Virginia, and particularly on Anthony Garnett of Essex, Orange and Culpeper Counties" by Charles L. Garnett, Columbus, Miss., D.A.R. Library.

Anthony moved from Essex County to Orange, later Culpeper County, Virginia, about 1741. He was commissioned Captain in the Virginia Militia in 1775. Since he was too old to take an active part in the Revolution, he recruited the State's quota of troops for the Continental Army.

He was a vestryman, church warden and lay reader of St. Mark's Parish from 1758. When there was no minister of the parish he was in the habit of burying the dead with the church service. He lived at the Horseshoe. He died between 1800 and 1803. Deeds and bill of sale dated 1794 suggest an old man distributing his property in preparation for the end.

See appendix page 88 for inventory of estate, dated June Court 1803, also "History of St. Mark's Parish", pp. 135, by Dr. Philip Slaughter.



Service record: "Anthony Garnett" January 1781 Classes of Culpeper County for Recruiting State's Quota of Troops to Serve the Continental Army (D.A.R. Library Pamphlet in File Case). Manuscript State Archives, Virginia State Library List No. 7. "Anthony Garnett" (D.A.R. Library).

### CHILDREN

1. Robert (Robin) b. 1733, died 1830, m. Lucy Towles
2. Daughter, b. 1735, m. Stokely Towles
3. Thomas, b. 1737, m. (1) Rachel Hawkins 1760, (2) Suky Brockman 1780
4. Lucy, m. ? Tinsley
5. James, b. Nov. 1743, d. April 16, 1830, m. (1) Miss Rowe (2) ?
6. Elizabeth (Betsy) b. 1744, d. Jan. 4, 1835, m. William Willis, Nov. 25, 1760. He was b. 1743, d. May 21, 1833
7. Sarah, m. Stepp
8. John, b. 1781, d. 1834, m. Elizabeth Rogers, 1771
9. Reuben, m. Miss Twyman

### 5. JAMES GARNETT (ELDER)

### *Sixth Generation*

Son of Capt. Anthony and Elizabeth Garnett, was born November 1743, Orange County later Culpeper County, Virginia. His mother was a very pious member of the Methodist Church. He was a Baptist preacher, and preachers in that day were commonly called "Elders". He was twice married, first to a Miss Rowe and raised fourteen children. He was pastor of Crooked Run Baptist Church in Culpeper County for 55 years. Two of his sons Robert and John were Baptist ministers for many years. He died in his home nearby April 16, 1830 at the age of 86. His funeral sermon was preached by his grandson, Elder James Garnett, Jr. who was pastor of Crooked Run Baptist Church for 50 years. (See "Virginia Baptist Ministers" p. 161, by James B. Taylor.)

### CHILDREN

1. Elizabeth (Betsy), m. Thomas Lewis
2. Edmund, b. June 17, 1787, m. Sarah (Sally) Graves.
3. Robert, b. April 1, 1790, m. Rhoda Cochrane.
4. Catherine, b. Dec. 3, 1792, m. Benjamin Mitchell.
5. Lucy, b. Dec. 3, 1793, m. William Mitchell.
6. Polly, b. May 9, 1798, m. Reuben Hudson.
7. Elijah, b. 1799, m. Nancy Branham.



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8. John, b. ?, m. Miss Walker.
9. Sarah (Sally), b. Oct. 29, 1806, m. Elijah Rice.
10. Frances Jane (Fanny), b. Dec. 8, 1808, m. Ezekial Rice.
11. Nancy, b. ?, m. Stanley Jones.
12. Patsy, b. Oct. 11, 1815, m. Silas Mason.
13. James, b. ?, m. (1) Polly Willis, (2) Ann Hilton.
14. Elizabeth, b. ?, m. Larkin Willis.

## 2. EDMUND GARNETT

*Seventh Generation*

Son of Elder James, Sr. and (?) (Rowe) Garnett, born April 25, 1765, in Culpeper County, Virginia, married Sarah Graves, daughter of John and Ann (Rice) Graves, June 1, 1787. They removed to Boone County, Kentucky in 1796, or shortly thereafter, where they made their home. She died there September 15, 1824. He died September 4, 1826, in Culpeper County, Virginia, probably while on a visit, and was buried in the family cemetery at Quiet Shade.

## CHILDREN

1. Joel, b. June 21, 1788, m. Catharine Burrus Graves and migrated to Saline County, Missouri.
2. Nancy Ann, b. July 24, 1790.
3. James, b. February 4, 1792, m. Elizabeth Garnett.
4. Elizabeth, b. April 16, 1793, m. William Henry Garnett.
5. Polly, b. May 6, 1795.
6. Sarah, b. September 14, 1798.
7. Susan, b. March 30, 1800.
8. Frances, b. December 20, 1801, m. Henry F. James.
9. John Milton, b. July 27, 1804, m. (1) Felicia Cave (2) Elizabeth Willis.

## 3. ROBERT GARNETT

*Seventh Generation Continued*

Son of Elder James, Sr. and (?) (Rowe) Garnett, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, June 7, 1770. He married Rhoda Cochrane. Like his father he was a Baptist minister. He died at his home near Syria, Madison County, Virginia, and was buried in the family cemetery which is enclosed by a rock wall. The inscription on his tombstone reads: "In memory of Elder Robert Garnett, a patriot, a Christian and a minister of the gospel. Died Sept. 11, 1854, age 84 years, 2 months and 25 days". His wife died April 28, 1855 and was buried by his side. This farm is now (1955) owned by Robert Twyman.



## CHILDREN

1. William Henry, b. February 20, 1791, d. January 27, 1845.
2. Jeremiah, had children: 1. Robert Calvin, 2. Mary E.
3. Wesley, had four children, names unknown.
4. Catharine, m. Stonsiffer. Had children but number and names unknown.

## 1. WILLIAM HENRY GARNETT

*Eighth Generation*

Son of Robert and Rhoda Cochrane Garnett, born February 20, 1791, died January 27, 1845. Married his first cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund and Sarah (Graves) Garnett, September 7, 1811, probably in Boone County, Kentucky, where her family was living. He died there and probably was buried on "Old Meetin' House Hill", the site of a Baptist Church long since abandoned, near Bellvue in Boone County. Elizabeth was born April 16, 1793, died in Boone County, Kentucky, March 17, 1886, and was buried in the old Bellvue Cemetery, in Boone County.

## CHILDREN

1. Joel Graves, b. September 14, 1812, m. Ann E. Graves.
2. Benjamin Franklin, b. April 27, 1814, m., but name of wife unknown.
3. Alvira M., b. May 30, 1816, married Thomas Huey.
4. Elizabeth S., b. March 16, 1818, m. Seburn P. Brady.
5. Sarah Ann, b. February 14, 1820, m. William W. Ingram.
6. Amanda Frances, b. January 22, 1822, m. Green Clarkson.
7. Robert Edmund, b. January 4, 1824, m. Helen Garnett, daughter of James Garnett.
8. Catherine Ellen, b. May 18, 1827, m. John Arnold.
9. James Milton, b. July 2, 1830, m. Molly Arnold.
10. Louisa Agnes, b. March 27, 1833, m. Lilburn Arnold.
11. Willie Henry, b. November 10, 1837, died in Southern Army, May 13, 1863.
12. Infant, b. December 23, 1839, d. March 5, 1840.

## 1. JOEL GRAVES GARNETT

*Ninth Generation*

Son of William Henry and Elizabeth (Garnett) Garnett, born in Boone County, Kentucky, September 14, 1812, married Ann Eliza Graves, daughter of Reuben and Betsy (Willis) Graves on October 9, 1833. Reuben Graves was the youngest brother of Sarah (Graves) Garnett. In 1836



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Joel and Ann moved to Adams County, Illinois where they resided one year. Then they moved to Hancock County, finally settling at St. Marys in 1837 where they lived until their deaths. She died at St. Marys, August 14, 1890. He died there August 15, 1894. Both were buried there.

## CHILDREN

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. July 23, 1836, m. Benjamin F. Willis, died August, 1930, buried at Abbeyville, Kansas.
2. William Reuben, b. June 30, 1839, m. Agnes Huey, died about 1899, buried at Luray, Missouri.
3. Alvira Catherine, b. July 14, 1841, died June 27, 1933, buried at St. Marys, Illinois.
4. Robert Kirtley, b. August 4, 1844, m. Annie E. Hunter, died April 21, 1918, buried at St. Marys, Illinois.
5. James Edward, b. April 9, 1848, m. Ida Dilley, died April 5, 1937, buried at St. Marys, Illinois.
6. Sarah Louisa, b. June 7, 1850, m. Fred Huey, died May 25, 1884, buried at St. Marys, Illinois.
7. Martha Orilla, b. October 4, 1852, m. Melgar Walton, died September 5, 1950, buried at St. Marys, Illinois.
8. Willie Henry, b. February 26, 1858, m. Angie Lureno Myers, died November 28, 1946, buried at St. Marys, Illinois.  
Children: Walter Lee and Maud Ann.

## 4. ROBERT KIRTLEY GARNETT

*Tenth Generation*

Son of Joel Graves Garnett and Ann Eliza (Graves) Garnett, born at St. Marys, Illinois, August 4, 1844. Married Annie Elizabeth Hunter, daughter of James and Martha (Logan) Hunter, at Quincy, Illinois, September 20, 1866. He died at St. Marys, Illinois, April 21, 1918. She died at Pratt, Kansas, December 4, 1923. Both were buried at St. Marys, Illinois.

## CHILDREN

1. Mary Vesper, b. August 5, 1867, died October 20, 1949.
2. Louisa Olena, b. November 13, 1868, died March 11, 1941.
3. Martha Alvira, b. November 29, 1870, died August 5, 1872.
4. Charles Hunter, b. January 12, 1873.
5. James Joel, b. March 30, 1876, died April 30, 1876.
6. Grace Ann, b. April 14, 1877, died November 28, 1922.
7. Elmer Logan, b. November 15, 1879.



8. Percie Ellen, b. September 30, 1882.
9. Robert Edward, b. March 7, 1885.
10. Harriet Elizabeth, b. August 23, 1887.

**I MARY VESPER GARNETT***Eleventh Generation*

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born August 5, 1867, near Quincy, Illinois. She married Jay Minor Botts, son of James Dickens and Mary E. (Perkins) Botts, at St. Marys, Illinois, March 28, 1889. He died at St. Marys, September 18, 1927. She died at the home of her sister Harriet G. Hobble at El Paso, Texas, October 20, 1949. Both were buried at St. Marys.

**CHILDREN**

1. Forest Eliza, b. November 29, 1892, at St. Marys, died October 15, 1928, was buried at St. Marys.
2. Selma Leal, born February 8, 1899, at St. Marys, Illinois, m. Harold S. Huey, at St. Marys, on December 29, 1923, died April 16, 1936, and was buried at St. Marys.

**II LOUISA OLENA GARNETT***Eleventh Generation*

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born near Quincy, Illinois, on November 13, 1868. She married William Grafton Botts, son of William O. and Mary (Walker) Botts, at St. Marys, Illinois, November 29, 1888. She died at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 11, 1941, and was buried at St. Marys. He died at the home of his daughter, Vesper Botts Trodick in Kalispell, Montana, on July 9, 1955 and was buried at St. Marys.

**CHILDREN**

1. Vesper Garnett, b. June 26, 1890, at St. Marys, Illinois.
2. Charles Clifford, b. September 26, 1892, at St. Marys, Illinois.

**1. VESPER GARNETT BOTT***Twelfth Generation*

Daughter of William Grafton and Louisa O. (Garnett) Botts, was born June 26, 1890, at St. Marys, Illinois. She married Alfred J. Trodick, September 8, 1920, at Salt Lake City, Utah. They have no children.

**2. CHARLES CLIFFORD BOTT***Twelfth Generation*

Son of William Grafton and Louisa O. (Garnett) Botts, was born



## THE ROBERT K. GARNETT FAMILY

September 26, 1892, at St. Marys, Illinois. He married Zola Marie Fort on January 6, 1922, at Dallas, Texas. She died at Missoula, Montana, December 22, 1954.

## CHILDREN

- A. William Alfred, b. January 7, 1929, at Great Falls, Montana.
- B. Mary Louise, b. February 4, 1931, at Great Falls, Montana.
- C. Charles Clifford, Jr., b. July 27, 1932, at Choteau, Montana.

## B. MARY LOUISE BOTTS

*Thirteenth Generation*

Daughter of Charles C. and Zola M. (Fort) Botts, born February 4, 1931, at Great Falls, Montana. She married Irving J. Nelson, August 12, 1950, at Missoula, Montana.

CHILDREN—*Fourteenth Generation*

- 1. Gwen Marie, b. July 13, 1951, at Missoula, Montana.
- 2. Gail, b. November 7, 1952, at Bozeman, Montana.

## IV CHARLES HUNTER GARNETT

*Eleventh Generation*

Son of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, was born January 12, 1873, near Colmar, Illinois. Married Mary Ermine Williams, daughter of Oscar Waldo Williams and Sallye (Wheat) Williams at Fort Stockton, Texas, June 6, 1906. She died at Fort Stockton, Texas, November 21, 1950, and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married a second wife, Carolyn Vera Kueffer, daughter of Thomas B. and Laura (Morgan) Decker and widow of Gottfried G. Kueffer, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 17, 1954.

## CHILDREN

- 1. Elizabeth Ermine, b. December 3, 1908, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 2. Williams Kirtley, born June 24, 1911, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 3. Sara Kathryn, born April 15, 1914, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## 1. ELIZABETH ERMINE GARNETT

*Twelfth Generation*

Daughter of Charles H. and Mary Ermine (Williams) Garnett, born December 3, 1908, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married Milton Kenneth Hamilton, son of William L. and Lila (Gant) Hamilton, August



15, 1930, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They were divorced and she married Carl J. Berst, son of John E. and Sarah Elizabeth (Hodges) Berst on July 15, 1949, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### CHILDREN

- A. William Garnett Hamilton, b. January 11, 1932, at Altus, Oklahoma.
- B. Elizabeth Ann Hamilton, b. August 27, 1938, at Shreveport, Louisiana.

A. WILLIAM GARNETT HAMILTON *Thirteenth Generation*  
Son of Milton K. and Elizabeth E. (Garnett) Hamilton, born January 11, 1932, at Altus, Oklahoma. He married Elizabeth Conradi Schmitz, daughter of Gunther and Elsa (Brodbeck) Schmitz, September 11, 1954, at Princeton, New Jersey.

2. WILLIAMS KIRTLEY GARNETT *Twelfth Generation*  
Son of Charles H. and Mary Ermine (Williams) Garnett, was born June 24, 1911, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married Mary Bernice Phelps, daughter of Charles H. and Carrie (Warren) Phelps, November 16, 1946, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### CHILDREN—*Thirteenth Generation*

- A. Mary Kay, b. November 28, 1947, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- B. Williams Kirtley, Jr. } Twins, born June 19, 1953, at
- C. Charles Phelps } Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

VI GRACE ANN GARNETT *Eleventh Generation*  
Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born at St. Marys, Illinois, April 14, 1877. She married Arthur Casson Hobble, son of Henry and Flora (Bolton) Hobble, at St. Marys, Illinois, June 29, 1907. She died at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 28, 1922, and was buried at St. Marys.

#### CHILDREN

1. Harlan Garnett, b. February 3, 1909, at Sivasamudram, India.
2. Flora Eloise, b. August 29, 1911, at St. Marys, Illinois.
3. Grace Elizabeth, b. March 6, 1915, at Chicago, Illinois.

1. HARLAN GARNETT HOBBLE *Twelfth Generation*  
Son of Arthur C. and Grace A. (Garnett) Hobble, was born February



3, 1909, at Sivasamudram, India. He married Lilian Verrinder, June 8, 1940, at Montreal, Canada. They have no children.

VII ELMER LOGAN GARNETT

*Eleventh Generation*

Son of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born November 15, 1879, near St. Marys, Hancock County, Illinois. He married Lela Ethelyn Barnard, daughter of DeLonson Elroy and Katie Lee (Bordwell) Barnard, at Manteno, Illinois, September 1, 1910.

CHILDREN

1. Hugh Barnard, b. July 12, 1911, at Altus, Oklahoma.
2. Lela Jean, b. December 15, 1912, at Altus, Oklahoma
3. Marjorie Anne, b. June 5, 1918, at Altus, Oklahoma.
4. Ruth Ellen, b. September 4, 1920, at Altus, Oklahoma.
5. Elmer Logan, Jr., b. June 18, 1922, at Altus, Oklahoma.

1. HUGH BARNARD GARNETT

*Twelfth Generation*

Son of Elmer L. and Lela E. (Barnard) Garnett, born July 12, 1911. He married Glee Miller, daughter of Floyd Edwin and Elsie Hazel (Rader) Miller of Skiatook, Oklahoma, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, December 30, 1939.

CHILDREN—*Thirteenth Generation*

- A. Hugh Barnard, Jr., b. April 9, 1943, at Daytona Beach, Florida.
- B. Jean, b. February 7, 1947, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2. LELA JEAN GARNETT

*Twelfth Generation*

Daughter of Elmer L. and Lela E. (Barnard) Garnett, born December 15, 1912. She married Charles Edward Engleman, son of Franklin Pierce and Mabel (Wilson) Engleman of Tulia, Texas. November 17, 1934, at Altus, Oklahoma.

CHILDREN—*Thirteenth Generation*

- A. Carol Ann, b. September 21, 1937, at Elk City, Oklahoma.
- B. Stephen Charles, b. July 3, 1948, adopted 1949 in Clinton, Oklahoma.

3. MARJORIE ANNE GARNETT

*Twelfth Generation*

Daughter of Elmer L. and Lela E. (Barnard) Garnett, born June



5, 1918. She married Robert McAskill, son of Charles and Katie (Clinkscale) McAskill of Altus, Oklahoma, December 28, 1940, at Altus, Oklahoma.

CHILDREN—*Thirteenth Generation*

- A. Jane Ellen, b. October 12, 1941, at Altus, Oklahoma.
- B. Jean Elizabeth, b. November 15, 1944, at Wichita Falls, Texas.
- C. Mary Ann, b. June 28, 1948, at Altus, Oklahoma.
- D. Alan Robert, b. January 6, 1952, at Altus, Oklahoma.

4. RUTH ELLEN GARNETT

*Twelfth Generation*

Daughter of Elmer L. and Lela E. (Barnard) Garnett, born September 4, 1920. She married Louis Kerre Sharpe III, son of Louis Kerre Sharpe II and Mary Carolyn (Paulk-McCluskey) Sharpe of Checotah, Oklahoma, April 27, 1942, at Altus, Oklahoma.

CHILDREN—*Thirteenth Generation*

- A. Louis Kerre IV, born October 14, 1944, at Wichita Falls, Texas.
- B. Sarah Ellen, born July 15, 1947, at Muskogee, Oklahoma.
- C. Jane Ethelyn, b. January 8, 1949, at Muskogee, Oklahoma.
- D. Logan Garnett, b. January 13, 1952, at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

5. ELMER LOGAN GARNETT, JR.

*Twelfth Generation*

Son of Elmer L. and Lela E. (Barnard) Garnett, b. June 18, 1922. He married Dorothy LaVerne Craig, daughter of Jack DeWilton and Essie LaVerne (Thurman) Craig of Frederick, Oklahoma, September 20, 1946, at Frederick, Oklahoma.

CHILDREN—*Thirteenth Generation*

- A. Susan Gay, b. November 6, 1948, at Altus, Oklahoma.
- B. Craig Kirtley, b. June 11, 1952, at Altus, Oklahoma.
- C. Lisa Carol, b. April 18, 1955, at Altus, Oklahoma.

VIII PERCIE ELLEN GARNETT

*Eleventh Generation*

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born at St. Marys, Illinois, September 30, 1882. She married Dr. Herbert Atkins, son of James D. and Martha (Pipes) Atkins, on June 25, 1913, at St. Marys, Illinois. He died April 10, 1943. They had no children.



## IX ROBERT EDWARD GARNETT

*Eleventh Generation*

Son of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born March 7, 1885, near St. Marys, Illinois. He married Hazel Laurel Jones, daughter of Luther and Laura (Greene) Jones, on June 4, 1912, at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

## CHILDREN

1. Edward Jones, born March 29, 1913, at Prague, Oklahoma.

## 1. EDWARD JONES GARNETT

*Twelfth Generation*

Son of Robert E. and Hazel L. (Jones) Garnett, was born March 29, 1913, at Prague, Oklahoma. He married Elizabeth Hortense Williams, daughter of Hugh Leon and Daisy Donald (Ferbrache) Williams, March 3, 1936, at Woodward, Oklahoma.

CHILDREN—*Thirteenth Generation*

- A. Robert Hugh, b. September 20, 1941, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- B. Edward Leon, b. November 30, 1943, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- C. James Kirtley, b. October 19, 1946, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- D. Mary Lisabeth, b. December 23, 1954, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## X HARRIET ELIZABETH GARNETT

*Eleventh Generation*

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born August 23, 1887, at St. Marys, Illinois. She married Cedric Hadaway Shaw, son of Ernest L. and Julia (Hadaway) Shaw, at St. Marys, Illinois, September 20, 1915. He was a lieutenant in the A.E.F. and was killed October 15, 1918, in the Battle of the Argonne, in France in World War I. She married her second husband, Arthur Casson Hobble, surviving husband of her deceased sister, Grace Ann Garnett, at Pratt, Kansas, April 18, 1924.

## CHILDREN

1. Robert Ernest, b. June 27, 1916, at Pratt, Kansas.

## 1. ROBERT ERNEST SHAW

*Twelfth Generation*

Son of Cedric Hadaway and Harriet Elizabeth (Garnett) Shaw, born June 27, 1916, at Pratt, Kansas. He married Betty Jane Buck,



daughter of Dan and Charlotte (Behr) Buck, February 7, 1946, at Bloomington, Illinois.

**CHILDREN—Thirteenth Generation**

- A. Ann Elizabeth, b. July 24, 1947, at Wichita, Kansas.
- B. Jane Luise, b. June 29, 1949, at Wichita, Kansas.
- C. Marta Grace, b. January 4, 1953, at Washington, D.C.
- D. Elizabeth Buck, b. November 27, 1953, at Washington, D.C.

There were at least three of the early Virginia families whose line of descent merges in the Garnett Genealogy above set forth. These are the Graves Family, the Willis Family and the Rice Family. We have a fairly complete Genealogy of the Graves Family, and less complete ones of the Willis Family and of the Rice Family, to the point where these merge into the Graves Family, which in turn merges into the Garnett Family, with the marriage of Ann Eliza Graves, our grandmother, to Joel Graves Garnett, our grandfather.

Reference to genealogy of these families, in so far as they finally merge in the Garnett family, is here made.



THE ROBERT K. GARNETT FAMILY  
GRAVES GENEALOGY  
OF  
ROBERT K. GARNETT  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

GRAVES COAT OF ARMS: He beareth; Gules, an eagle Or, ducally crowned Argent.

CREST: A demi-eagle erased Or, enfiled under the wings with a ducal coronet Argent.

MOTTO: Aquila non captat muscas. (An eagle does not catch flies.)

General John Clay Graves, of Buffalo, New York, certified that he was engaged for more than twenty-five years in compiling the Genealogy of the Graves Family in America. That he personally visited and examined the public records in England, and most of the places in New England, where the different branches of the family were located and had skilled genealogists at work for him in England and different portions of this country, and as the result of his investigation found that most of the name of Graves in this country have descended from the following named early settlers who were all descendants of the old English family, of which a sketch is given in his manuscripts now in the public library in Buffalo, New York.

The first settler in this country was CAPTAIN THOMAS GRAVES, who came over from London, England, in the ship "Mary and Margaret" in 1607. He settled on the James River, Virginia, in James City County.

His descendants live principally in Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky.

The following genealogy is given from the public and private records of the family, and is correct.

1. CAPTAIN THOMAS GRAVES

*First Generation*

Born in England, came to this country in ship "Mary and Margaret" in 1607. He was representative of "Smythes Hundred" in the first American legislative body, which convened at Jamestown, Virginia, on the 30th



day of July, 1619, and was known as the "House of Burgesses". On the 24th of March, 1628, he was granted by the Colonial Government 200 acres of land on the eastern side of the Bay of Chesapeake westerly of the lands of Captain Henry Flute, explorer of the Bay by virtue of the adventure of twenty-five pounds paid by Captain Thomas Graves to Sir Thomas Smyth, Treasurer of the Virginia Company. He was Justice of the Peace of Accomac (now Northampton) County, in 1631. At a court holden at Accomac, September 4, 1635, he was appointed vestryman and was a prominent and useful man in the church, as well as in other colonial affairs. He was appointed a commissioner to build a fort at Old Point Comfort where Fortress Monroe is situated. He married Katherine Croshor and had children,

#### CHILDREN

1. John
2. Thomas
3. Jeffrey

#### 1. JOHN GRAVES

#### *Second Generation*

Son of Captain Thomas Graves, born at Smythes Hundred, Virginia, married Miss Perrin, daughter of an illustrious family who were large property owners and later prominent in the Revolutionary War, and closely associated with the Graves family. John Graves settled in Elizabeth City County and was granted 200 acres of land there, May 15, 1638, and 150 acres, May 20, 1639.

#### CHILDREN

1. Ralph, born about 1634.
2. John, born about 1636.

#### 1. RALPH GRAVES

#### *Third Generation*

Son of John Graves, born about 1634, died May 9, 1667, married Rachel, daughter of Major Joseph Croshor, about 1654. Major Croshor deeded to Ralph Graves and Rachel his wife, 2000 acres of land in New Kent County, December 23, 1654. After the death of Ralph Graves his widow married a second husband, Richard Barnes. She died April 20, 1669.

#### CHILDREN

1. Anne



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2. Ralph, married Unity White.
3. William
4. Joseph
5. Mary
6. Richard

## 6. RICHARD GRAVES

*Fourth Generation*

Son of Ralph Graves, born about 1665.

## CHILDREN

1. John, born December 10, 1712.
2. Ralph, born (?)

## 1. JOHN GRAVES

*Fifth Generation*

Son of Richard, born December 10, 1712, married November 22, 1732, Susan Dicken, who was born June 14, 1714, and who after the death of John Graves married for her second husband, Richard Childs, and had twin children, Elizabeth and Ann Childs, born December 7, 1754.

## CHILDREN of John and Susan Graves

1. Thomas, b. November 14, 1733.
2. Rebecca, b. September 4, 1735.
3. John, b. December 19, 1737.
4. Isaac, b. September 2, 1741.
5. Jemima, b. March 21, 1743.
6. Edward, b. August 19, 1746.

## 3. JOHN GRAVES

*Sixth Generation*

Son of John, born December 19, 1737, married November 30, 1760, Ann Rice, daughter of William and Sarah (Nelms) Rice, born November 21, 1741, and died in Boone County, Kentucky, November 12, 1826. They removed from Culpeper, now Madison County, Virginia, to Boone County, Kentucky, in 1796. Their entire family of children and grandchildren went with them or removed soon afterwards. They came down the Ohio River in small boats and landed on the Kentucky side at North Bend, opposite the place where President William Henry Harrison afterwards made his home. The whole country through which they came was one vast wilderness. Cincinnati at the time was only a military post. John Graves was a man of tall slender form, over six feet in height; was upright in all his dealings, peaceable and polite, of strong and fervent



religious character. He died in Boone County, Kentucky, December 8, 1825. He served in the Revolutionary War as captain of the Culpeper Militia.

Reference: *Auditor's Accounts, Vol. XV*, pp. 271 and *Eighth Annual Report of Library Board, Virginia State Library, 1910-1911*, pp. 187.

### CHILDREN

1. Sarah, b. September 6, 1761, m. June 1, 1787, in Culpeper County, Virginia, Edmund Garnett, son of Rev. James Garnett, Sr., b. April 25, 1765. She died in Boone County, Kentucky, September 15, 1824. He died September 14, 1826, Culpeper County, Virginia.
2. William, b. June 10, 1763, m. in Culpeper County, Virginia, Peggy, daughter of John and Polly White, and sister of Felicia White, who married his brother, Rev. Absolom Graves. He died without issue, August 7, 1807, and his widow married William Bates and died August 25, 1845.
3. Susan, b. December 30, 1764, m. December 18, 1788, in Culpeper County, Virginia, George Gaines, born October 20, 1766, died in Boone County, Kentucky, June 28, 1839. She died March 17, 1845.
4. John, b. January 19, 1767, m. (1) in Culpeper County, Virginia, in 1790, Hannah Cave of Woodford County, Kentucky, daughter of Rev. Richard Cave, a Baptist Clergyman. She died in 1819 and he married (2) in 1822, Elizabeth, widow of his brother Stephen Graves. She died in 1824 a few weeks before his death, which occurred at his home in Woodford County, Kentucky, August 13, 1824.
5. Absalom, b. November 28, 1768, married in 1789, Felicia White, daughter of John and Polly White. He was prominent in civil life before 1810, when he was ordained a minister in the Baptist Church and became distinguished throughout Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. He was the author of "Graves' Hymnal". He died August 17, 1826. His widow died February 19, 1851.
6. Ann, b. January 15, 1771, married June 2, 1789, Rev. Daniel James, minister of the Baptist Church. She died in Boone County, Kentucky, May 15, 1840. He died December, 1845.
7. Joseph, b. June 20, 1773.
8. James, b. March 1, 1776.



9. Edward, b. October 10, 1778.
10. Stephen, b. June 17, 1781.
11. Jeremiah, b. April 10, 1784.
12. Reuben, b. May 18, 1786.

All the children married and had children except two sons.

## 12. REUBEN GRAVES

*Seventh Generation*

Son of John, born in Culpeper County, Virginia, May 18, 1786, Removed with his parents to Boone County, Kentucky, in 1796, where he married (1) on January 7, 1808, Elizabeth (Betsy) Willis of same County, born August 13, 1788, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Garnett) Willis. He was an enterprising business man and was held in the highest public repute for his moral worth and public spirit. In 1836 he removed to Hancock County, Illinois, purchased a large tract of land and founded the town of Colmar, two miles away on the C.B. & Q.R.R. His wife Elizabeth, died August 29, 1840. He married (2) Lucinda Geoghegan. He died at St. Marys, July 24, 1872. She died June 12, 1886.

According to tradition, Reuben, as a young lad in Kentucky, was a close friend of the noted Indian Chief, Tecumseh, and in token of this friendship the latter gave him his tomahawk. After his death, his youngest child, Lucinda Kate (Graves) Talbot received it and at her death it went to her daughter, Edith Talbot Freeman, who when last heard of was living in California.

"Reuben Graves was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Warfield in the Mounted Regiment of Volunteers commanded by Col. Richard M. Johnson in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812, that he volunteered at Boone County and State of Kentucky for the Term of Six Months."

*Ref. Application for Bounty land. National Archives.*

He states in his application for a pension that he "was honourably discharged at Dayton in the State of Ohio on the ..... day 1813, the same faul (fall) that Richard M. Johnson killed Tecumsah". This latter deed was commemorated in the following jingle which mothers sang to their children.

"Humpsy dumpsy, humpsy dumpsy,  
Col. Johnson killed Tecumseh".



## CHILDREN

## By First Marriage

1. William Willis, b. May 18, 1810.
2. Benjamin Garnett, b. May 27, 1812.
3. Joseph Addison, b. February 23, 1815, m. Cornelia Graves.

## CHILDREN

1. Willis	5. Sarah Virginia
2. Joseph Absalom	6. Cyrus
3. Felicia	7. Pinkney
4. Ella	8. Kate

4. Ann Eliza, b. October 16, 1817, m. Joel Graves Garnett, a son of William Henry Garnett and Elizabeth (Garnett) Garnett.
5. John James, b. October 18, 1819.
6. Elizabeth Ann, b. December 18, 1822, died at 2 years of age.
7. Edward Dicken, b. February 12, 1825.
8. Mary E., b. April 16, 1827, m. April 18, 1844, William Daniel Powell. He died February 28, 1875. She died March 3, 1877.
9. Isaac Newton, b. August 8, 1830.

## By Second Marriage

10. Dosia, b. July 9, 1850.
11. Sarah Susan, b. February 19, 1854.
12. Lutie Kate, b. November 15, 1856.

By the marriage of Joel Graves Garnett and Ann Eliza Graves our Graves line of ancestry is merged in the Garnett line. For their children and our subsequent genealogy, see the Garnett Genealogy at page 7, et seq. supra.

Reference: "The Graves Family of Essex County" by Mrs. P. W. Hiden. *William and Mary Quarterly*, 2nd Series, Vol. 16, No. 4, October 1936 (beginning with John Graves who married Susanna Dicken.)



CAPTAIN THOMAS GRAVES (*Another Version*)

The following is reproduced from an article by William M. Sweeny in *William and Mary Quarterly, 2nd Series, Vol. 15, No. 4, Page 385* (1935) entitled "Captain Thomas Graves and some of his Descendants".

## CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES

*First Generation in America*

Few names are more familiar to the student of early history of Virginia than that of Captain Thomas Graves who came to Virginia in the good ship "Mary and Margaret" with Captain Newport and settled in Jamestown in 1608. His wife Katherine (maiden name unknown) and two sons, John and Thomas, came at a later date.

He appears to have taken an active part in the affairs of the infant colony from the very beginning. On one occasion while on an exploring expedition with Capt. John Smith, he was captured by the Indians and taken to Opechancanough's town where he was held for ransom. Thomas Savage was sent by Smith to recover Graves. In this he was successful. Before securing Graves' release, however, some difficulty arising with the Indians, Savage and three others offered to fight thirteen of the Indians at once but the latter declined the challenge.

Savage had come to Virginia with the first settlers of 1607 as a boy of thirteen years and in 1608 was exchanged as a hostage for Namontock, an Indian from Powhatan's tribe, and had remained with the Indians some time and learned their language, which enabled him afterwards to render much service to the Colony as an interpreter.

Captain Thomas Graves was a member of the First Legislative Assembly in America and with Mr. Walter Shelly sat for Smythe's Hundred when they met at Jamestown, July 30, 1619, and was known as the House of Burgesses. He was Commissioner (Justice) for Accomac 1629, and Burgess for the same in 1632.

"Capt. Thomas Graves, Esq." is recorded as being present as a Justice at a Court held for Accomac County (now Northampton) April 13, 1635 and at a Court held September 13, 1635 he was appointed a Vestryman for Hungar's Parish. He was a prominent and useful man in the Church as well as in Colonial affairs.

He was appointed a member of a Commission to build a fort at Old Point Comfort where Fortress Monroe now is. He appears to have



died at some date between November, 1635 when he witnessed a deed and January 5, 1636 when the Accomac January Court was held.

#### CHILDREN

1. John
2. Thomas
3. Francis

### 3. FRANCIS GRAVES

#### *Second Generation*

Son of Capt. Thomas and Katherine Graves, was born in Virginia, probably around 1630, since he was still a minor and described as an "Orphan of Capt. Thomas Groves, dec'd" in 1642. It is likely he spent some time in Gloucester before settling in Essex County. He married for the first or second time, about 1678 and gave certain cattle to his three step-children. He was dead by 1691, and his widow Jane soon married a John Doughty who in 1694 deeded certain property to her sons, Francis, Richard and Thomas Graves.

### THOMAS GRAVES

#### *Third Generation*

Son of Francis and Jane Graves was born probably about 1684 or 1685. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Mary Moody, about 1708 or 1710. He died about 1743.

#### CHILDREN

1. John
2. Richard
3. Francis

### 1. JOHN GRAVES

#### *Fourth Generation*

Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Graves, was born in Essex, later Spotsylvania County, Virginia, December 10, 1712. He married Susanna Dicken, November 22, 1732, who was born June 14, 1714. After his death in 1747 she married for her second husband, Henry Chiles, and had twin children, Elizabeth and Ann Chiles, born December 7, 1754. She died in Culpeper County, Virginia in 1784.

#### CHILDREN

1. Thomas, b. November 14, 1733, died 1810.
2. Rebecca, b. September 4, 1735.
3. John, b. December 19, 1737, died December 8, 1825.
4. Isaac, b. September 2, 1741, died 1818.
5. Jemima, b. March 21, 1743.
6. Edward, b. August 19, 1746, died 1832.



## 3. JOHN GRAVES (Captain)

*Fifth Generation*

Son of John and Susanna (Dicken) Graves, born December 19, 1737, married November 30, 1760, Ann Rice, daughter of William and Sarah Nelms Rice, November 30, 1760. She died in Boone County, Kentucky, November 12, 1826. He died there December 8, 1825.

John, like his brothers, soon sold the Spotsylvania County land left him by his father and established himself in Culpeper County. During the Revolution he was Captain of Culpeper Militia (Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, Vol. 2, p. 101, D.A.R. Library, Virginia Auditors Accounts, Vol. XV, page 271. Eighth Annual Report of Library Board, Virginia State Library, 1910-1911, page 187). When Madison County was formed from Culpeper in 1792, his land as well as that of his brothers, Thomas and Edward, lay in the new county. On September 29, 1796 he gave power of attorney to his brother Edward to dispose of his Virginia property in preparation for the removal of his family to Boone County, Kentucky. His entire family of children and grandchildren went with him or removed soon afterwards. They came down the Ohio River in small boats and landed on the Kentucky side at the North Bend, opposite the place where President William Henry Harrison afterwards made his home. The whole country through which they came was one vast wilderness. Cincinnati at the time was only a military post. John Graves was a man of tall, slender build, over six feet in height, was upright in all his dealings, peaceable and polite, of strong and fervent religious character.

For the children of John and Susanna (Dicken) Graves and the subsequent Graves genealogy, see the Graves Genealogy, *supra*, pp. 18 and 23.

*It will be noted that the genealogy given in the foregoing article varies widely from that given in the manuscript of John Clay Graves of Buffalo, New York, which is cited at the beginning of the Graves Genealogy. We do not know which is correct.*



RICE GENEALOGY  
OF  
ROBERT K. GARNETT  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

RICE COAT OF ARMS: Ar. a chev. erminois cotised sa. three ravens of the last.

CREST: A lion rampant ppr. holding in the paw a bar shot sa.

MOTTO: (Welsh) Cadarn.-yw-fy-ffydd-y-portha-duw-y gigfrain,  
(Great is my faith that God will keep the ravens.)

In the old days the Welsh manner of spelling the name was Rhys, though even then when written in English was often spelled R-i-c-e.

Thomas Rice was an Englishman by birth, of Welch extraction, and was an early adventurer into Virginia. April 29, 1693, he obtained a patent of land in Kingston Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia, the land being due him by and for the importation of one person into the colony, and was deeded 1200 acres of land in Hanover County on both sides of Cub Creek and Dirty Swamp. In the latter part of his life Thomas Rice owned a small plantation in the lower part of what in 1824 was Hanover. Here he left his wife with nine sons and three daughters and went to England to receive a fortune which had been left him, but never returned. The sailors reported that he died at sea, but it was supposed that he was assassinated. No return was ever made of his property and his family was left in a destitute condition. The major part of his family moved some thirty miles farther up the country where they procured a small plantation on which they raised numerous families; four or five of whom became serious professors of religion and were succeeded in their religious profession by a considerable number of their children. Among those descendants who moved north was William Rice of Culpeper County, Virginia who was among the early settlers who came sometime before Culpeper County was organized. July 29, 1736 he acquired 400 acres of land in the Forks of the Rapid Ann, in the County of Orange.

William Rice married Sarah Nelms.



## CHILDREN

1. Richard Rice.
2. John Rice, married Mary Finney, moved to the Shenandoah Valley, bought a large tract of land and built on it, later went back and removed to Rockingham where he died in 1804.
3. Benajah Rice.
4. Hannah Rice.
5. Ann Rice, married John Graves.
6. Sarah Rice, married Edward Graves.

The last will and testament of William Rice was probated and recorded in Culpeper County the 17th day of April, 1780. It was dated the 9th day of February, 1780. He divided his property about equally between his children, John, Benajah, Hannah Rice, Ann Graves, wife of John Graves, and Sarah Graves, wife of Edward Graves. In his will is the following provision, "I lend to my beloved wife, Sarah Rice, one-half of my estate during her natural life." After that it was to be divided equally between his children. He appointed Benajah, John and Richard Rice, his sons, and John Graves, his son-in-law, his executors. Among the property inventoried are horses, slaves, cattle, sheep, hogs, plantation tools, six spinning wheels, two looms, one copper still, a desk, warming pan, books of sundry kinds, valued at 70 pounds, money scales, cash in metal 13 s. 9 d., cash in paper 55 pounds 8 s., punch bowls valued at 16 pounds. He gave the copper still to his unmarried daughter. Perhaps he thought she would be less likely to misuse it. The fact that "money scales" were considered a part of the equipment of a plantation would seem to indicate that coin or metal money, as it is called in this inventory, was valued according to its weight in those days.

Reference: *Genealogical and Historical Notes on Culpeper County, Virginia*. Part 2.-p. 132. Green, R. T. "Histories and Genealogies 1909", p. 512. Miller, W. H.

After the death of her husband Sarah Rice furnished supplies for the Continental cause (Culpeper Service Claims, Archives Division, Virginia State Library. Missouri Genealogical Gleanings, Vol. 2, page 101, D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C.)

By the marriage of John Graves and Ann Rice, our Rice line of ancestry is merged in the Graves line. For the children of John Graves and Ann (Rice) Graves, see the Graves genealogy at pages 18 and 19, *supra*.



WILLIS GENEALOGY OF  
ROBERT K. GARNETT  
AND HIS DESCENDANTS

WILLIS COAT OF ARMS: Three griffins or gryphons in passant on a shield Argent invecked or inverted, bordure Gules of seventeen besants. Or,

CREST: A griffin or gryphon Argent rampant holding a lance or javelin Argent.

MOTTO: Defiende Rectum.

"The Knights are dust.  
Their good swords rust.  
Their souls are with  
The saints we trust."

On the records of the great University of Oxford in England for the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries may be seen the names of seven members of the Willis family who matriculated during the period from 1557 to 1681. All appear to have distinguished themselves in the university, no one of them having taken less than two degrees, and they seem to have been equally prominent in subsequent life, especially in the Church.

The well known Col. Francis Willis who came from England to York County, Virginia early in the seventeenth century, so far as known, is the first of the family who emigrated to Virginia or who became prominent in the affairs of the colony. We find him in 1642, the eighteenth year of the reign of Charles I, holding a patent for land in York County, and in 1640 he held the important office of Clerk of Charles River (York) County. It was said he was a friend of Sir John Harvey who about that time (1640) was removed from the government of the Colony. The new administration, headed by Sir Francis Wiot, was unfriendly to Harvey, and Willis who was a high spirited man, espoused warmly Harvey's cause. Indeed he did not hesitate to denounce publicly the new governor, his council and the House of Burgesses.

For this audacious act Willis was deprived of his office of clerk and prohibited from appearing as attorney in any court. He was also compelled



to pay a fine of twenty pounds sterling and eight pounds more for charges and had to stand before the Courthouse door with a paper in his hat, which probably stated his offenses and his punishment in detail.

The triumph of his enemies, however, was short lived; for in two years Wiot was removed from office and Sir William Berkley, who represented Willis' party, was appointed governor of Virginia.

Francis Willis now had his disabilities removed and filled in succession a number of high and honored positions in the colony. In 1648 he was justice of York County and when Gloucester was cut off from York, he and Walter Givin, in 1652, were the first delegates from Gloucester to the House of Burgesses. He was Chairman of the Committee that revised the laws of the colony in 1657-58, Member of the House of Burgesses in 1658-60 and then was a member of the Governor's Council continuously until 1675, the year before Bacon's Rebellion.

That year he returned to England in company with his wife, Jane. Why he left Virginia is not now known, but it is evident that they intended to reside permanently in England, for they carried with them the family plate and a large quantity of household goods. They resided thereafter in East Greenwich Parish in the County of Kent where he died in 1691.

He left no issue, but mentions in his will his brothers Henry and William and his sister Grace. After giving legacies to numerous kinsfolk, he bequeathed the most of his property, including his large estates in Ware River Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia, to his nephew and namesake, Francis Willis, son of his brother, Henry, deceased. In addition he received one thousand pounds sterling, together with the cattle, chattels, etc. on the Gloucester lands and all other property of his uncle that was not bequeathed to others. He had a brother William, who was sole executor of his uncle's will, and three sisters, Alice, Mary and Susanna.

Francis Willis left two sons, Col. Francis Willis of Gloucester County, Virginia, and Col. Henry Willis who founded Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Reference: "The Willis Family of Virginia" by Byrd C. and Richard H. Willis.

According to tradition our line descends through William Willis who was made sole executor of his uncle's will and who therefore must



have been a man of great honor and integrity. A well-known genealogist believes that the proof of this will be found in a mass of unfiled papers and documents in Orange County Courthouse, Virginia.

It is believed that John Willis who married Elizabeth Plunket and whose will is found in Will Book 2, page 323, Orange County Court House and who passed away in 1762 was the son of the above William.

William Willis, son of John and Elizabeth (Plunket) Willis, was born in 1743, married Elizabeth (Betsy) Garnett, born 1744, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Garnett on November 25, 1760. He served three years in the Continental Army. He is listed as a "Private in Continental Line" in a "Record of 1200 Officers and Men of Virginia who served on land or sea from the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War" and who are entitled to Land Warrants for service, on file at the Land Office, Richmond, Virginia. Also see Virginia County Records, pages 303-338.

Later he and his family emigrated to Kentucky. Apparently they settled in Boone County, as records in the Boone County Courthouse show that he was a witness in a land boundary dispute in 1828. He died on May 21, 1833. She died January 4, 1835, both aged 90 years.

### CHILDREN

1. William m. Ann Twyman
2. Isaac m. Ann Garnett
3. John m. Jane Dozen
4. Reuben
5. Benjamin
6. Robert
7. Alexander
8. Joseph
9. Joshua
10. Elizabeth (Betsy)

#### 10. ELIZABETH (BETSY) WILLIS,

Daughter of William and Elizabeth (Garnett) Willis, was born August 13, 1788 and married Reuben Graves, son of John and Ann Graves, on January 7, 1808.



By the marriage of Reuben Graves to Elizabeth (Betsy) Willis, our Willis line of ancestry is merged in the Graves line. For the children of Reuben Graves and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves, see the Graves Genealogy, *supra*, pp. 20-21.

Reference: "History of St. Mark's Parish", page 136, by Dr. Philip Slaughter.

*Verified Copy of a true copy of the Graves Bible Records by Charles Hunter Garnett, D.A.R. Library and Congressional Library, Washington, D.C.*



THE CAMPBELL, DOUGLASS, LOGAN AND  
HUNTER GENEALOGIES OF  
ANNIE ELIZABETH (HUNTER) GARNETT

It is said that the Campbell Clan is the largest clan in Scotland. Douglass is probably a more prominent name than Campbell in the history of Scotland. We have two great-grandmothers who were Campbells and their mother was a Douglass.

The name Hunter was derived from the chase. The original Latin word Venator was the base. It seems first to have come into use about 1124, but in the next few centuries it appeared in many forms all over England and Scotland. It also took variable forms of spelling, such as Hunto, Huntair, Huntayr, Huntter, and about 1454, Hountair, and about 1528, Hunter. A similarity of spelling, however, did not always mean that families using such spelling were actually related.

A family located at Hunter, Ayreshire, England is probably the oldest family of the name Hunter. In Scotland the Hunters belonged to the McGregor clan. The Campbell clan and the McGregor clan were closely allied. Both of these and the Douglass clan also are represented in the Hunter line here presented. All the persons mentioned herein who were born abroad were residents of County Londonderry, Ireland, and were Ulsterites of pure Scottish blood and Presbyterian in religion, as were their ancestors for many previous generations. We have not put forth the effort, time and money necessary to trace their ancestry further than the following:

HUGH CAMPBELL      *First Generation of Campbell and Douglass*  
Married Martha Douglass at Dunboa, County Londonderry, Ireland.

CHILDREN

1. Millie, m.....Miller
2. Martha, m.....Kennedy
3. Ellen, m.....Kennedy
4. Elizabeth, m. James Hunter
5. Jane, m. ....Douglass
6. Sarah Ann, m. John Logan

JOHN LOGAN      *First Generation of Logan*  
Married Jane Black in County Londonderry, Ireland.



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## CHILDREN

1. John
2. Samuel
3. Paul
4. James

1. JOHN LOGAN *Second Generation of Campbell, Douglass, Logan*

Son of John and Jane (Black) Logan, married Sarah Ann Campbell, daughter of Hugh and Martha (Douglass) Campbell, in County Londonderry, Ireland.

## CHILDREN

1. Jane, m. Black.
2. Martha, m. James Hunter.
3. Ellen, m. Robert Blair.
4. John, lived in Ireland. We have no further record concerning him.
5. Hugh, died at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania.
6. James. We have no record concerning him.
7. Mary, emigrated to Australia. We have no further record concerning her.

All the above were born in County Londonderry, Ireland. The first three and Hugh emigrated to the United States.

## JAMES HUNTER

*First Generation of Hunter*  
Born August 13, 1784, in Dunboa, County Londonderry, Ireland, married Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Hugh and Martha (Douglass) Campbell, died near Quincy in Adams County, Illinois, August 28, 1858, and was buried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery about eight miles northeast of Quincy. His wife outlived him several years, but the date of her death and her burial place are unknown.

## CHILDREN

1. Hugh, b. December 23, 1816, m. Jane Edmonds, September 9, 1845, died July 6, 1886, was buried at Mendon, Adams County, Illinois.
2. James, b. April 12, 1819, m. Martha Logan, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Campbell) Logan, January 17, 1845.
3. Mary, m. .... Toland. They moved to California in 1849-50. We have no further information about them.
4. John, m. Sarah Jane Quigg in Philadelphia. We have no



further information concerning him.

5. Joseph lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a lawyer by occupation. We have no further information concerning him.

## 2. JAMES HUNTER

### *Second Generation of Hunter*

Son of James and Elizabeth (Campbell) Hunter, married Martha Logan, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Campbell) Logan, January 17, 1845, at the home of her sister Jane (Logan) Black in New York City. He died on October 29, 1889 at his home near Quincy, Illinois, and was buried in Ellington Presbyterian Cemetery. He and his wife were organizers and charter members of the Ellington Presbyterian Church. She died July 2, 1903 and was buried beside him.

### CHILDREN

1. Annie Elizabeth, b. October 19, 1845, at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, m. Robert Kirtley Garnett, died December 4, 1923 in the home of her daughter Harriet (Garnett) Shaw, at Pratt, Kansas. She was buried at St. Marys, Illinois.
2. Mary, b. March 5, 1848, at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, m. David T. McIntyre, died December 22, 1873.
3. Martha, b. May 22, 1849, at the family homestead near Quincy, Illinois, m. William Kraber, died..... at Langley, Washington.
4. Hugh, b. August 17, 1851, at the family homestead near Quincy, Illinois, and died November 15, 1852.
5. John Logan, b. August 20, 1853, at the family homestead near Quincy. When a young man he went to Colorado and became a miner. He moved from Colorado to Utah and thence to Oregon. His last known address was Greenhorn, Oregon. He married Emma Giblin at Eureka, Utah. They had four daughters and a son. No further record of his family is known to us.
6. Joseph Douglass, b. April 15, 1855, at the family homestead near Quincy, Illinois. He never married, and died in 1923 at Kansas City, Kansas, and is buried in a cemetery in that City.
7. Emmett A., b. June 30, 1857, at the family homestead near Quincy, and died May 24, 1874.
8. Samuel Kennedy, b. August 3, 1859, died February 22,



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1861.

9. Sarah Ellen, b. December 13, 1863, m. W. D. Harding, died in 1910 at Hannibal, Missouri, and is buried in Ellington Cemetery.
10. William James, b. June 3, 1861, died March 22, 1862.
11. Hattie, b. August 18, 1865, died September 12, 1865.

1. ANNIE ELIZABETH HUNTER *Third Generation of Hunter*  
Daughter of James and Martha (Logan) Hunter, born October 19, 1845, at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, married Robert Kirtley Garnett, September 20, 1866, at the home of her parents near Quincy, Illinois. Thus the Hunter line merged in the Garnett line.



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PERSONAL SKETCHES  
JOEL GRAVES GARNETT

Our paternal grandfather, married Ann Eliza Graves in Boone County, Kentucky on October 9, 1833. He was 21 years of age and she was 16. Soon thereafter, probably in the fall of 1834, they moved overland by wagon to Adams County, Illinois. The family tradition is that they had intended to settle in Morgan County, but when they reached that county they found that there was an epidemic of "milk fever" among the cows and so they moved on to Adams County. After a year there they moved to Hancock County and for a year or two lived on a farm a short distance west of Plymouth, finally settling about 1837 at the then important village of St. Marys where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Grandfather opened a store there which he conducted until he retired from active business on account of old age. Money was scarce and practically everything was sold by trade or on credit. He obtained his goods and marketed his produce at Warsaw, about forty miles distant by the traveled highway and located just below the Keokuk Rapids, which were then the head of navigation on the Mississippi River. He made periodical trips by wagon to that market until the C. B. & Q. Railroad was built in the 1850s from Galesburg to Quincy. This road established the station of Colmar two miles east of St. Marys and that village stopped growing. In our youth it consisted of two stores, one of which contained the post office, a blacksmith shop, a carpenter shop, a school house, the St. Marys Baptist Church and about a dozen dwelling houses. Now it has only the church and school house, with fewer dwellings and no post office.

We have grandfather's account book for the year 1856, but not for the more interesting years from 1837 to 1856. The book we have furnishes an interesting record of the kind of merchandise sold and prevailing prices as of that date.

The following dates are selected at random from the year 1856. The entries are of his daily cash sales.



## MAY 31

Tobacco .....	\$ .35
Raisins .....	.25
Cigars .....	.10
Figs .....	.10
Sundries .....	3.80
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Total .....	\$4.60

## OCTOBER 7

Soap .....	\$ .20
Drilling .....	.40
Ink .....	.05
Cinnamon .....	.10
Vinegar .....	.10
Flat irons .....	.98
Bobinet .....	.40
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Total .....	\$2.23

## OCTOBER 9

Tobacco .....	\$ .10
Crackers .....	.10
Sundries .....	1.25
Nails .....	.05
Bed tick .....	.60
Molasses .....	.25
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Total .....	\$2.35

## OCTOBER 18

Caps .....	\$ .10
Shot .....	.10
Vinegar .....	.05
Raisins .....	.05
Starch .....	.05
Crocks .....	.20
Candy .....	.05
Raisins .....	.10
Tobacco .....	.10
Candles .....	.30
Tacks .....	.10
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Total .....	\$1.20

## OCTOBER 24

Sundries .....	\$ .15
Raisins .....	.05
Putty .....	.10
Fiddle String .....	.10

Total .....	\$ .40
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## NOVEMBER 12

Tobacco .....	\$ .05
2 oil cans .....	.30
Curry comb .....	.15
Molasses .....	.25
Hair pins .....	.10

Total .....	\$ .85
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By far the greater amount of his sales were on credit, and we find among his customers and debtors the names of all the prominent citizens and families of the community, many of whom, or their descendants, were well known to us.

The variety of articles sold on credit were similar to those above listed on cash sales. Many customers whom we knew well as prominent farmers in our day at St. Marys had charge accounts, such as Robert Cloud, One plug of tobacco, 20c; W. D. Powell, one ounce of bluing, 10c, one lb. of saleratus, 10c; Doctor Turner, one gallon of molasses, 60c, credited by vermifuge 25c, castor oil 10c; C. C. Beddow, one plug of tobacco, 20c; and so on, with scores and scores of familiar names, such as Huey, Graves, Powell, Johnson, Botts, and others. The articles ranged



from fiddle strings to bedticks and shoes to sealing wax, including hardware, chinaware, clothing, school books and standard groceries. His principal items were tobacco and sugar. The only vegetable on the list was an occasional halfbushel of potatoes. Powder, shot and caps were active items.

Payment of accounts was often made in produce, but his account book seldom shows what the produce was, the entry being merely "account settled", but among that occasionally listed are deer skin and beeswax.

It may be noted that nowhere in the entire period of his store-keeping does it appear that he ever handled intoxicating liquor, although at the date he started his store, whiskey was bought by the barrel and carried in most general stores and sold at retail by the gallon, like vinegar or molasses, or in a quantity to suit the customer, like any other groceries, but not by the drink.

Grandfather was a prominent man in the local community. We have his commission as postmaster at St. Marys issued by President Martin Van Buren and various statements settling his accounts as postmaster. We also have his commission as justice of the peace for the County of Hancock to which office he had been duly elected, issued by Thomas Ford, Governor of the State of Illinois for the term of four years, under date of August 28, 1846, with his oath of office attached.

Under the postal laws at that time, the addressee of a letter was required to pay the postage on it before it could be delivered to him. Envelopes were not in use, but letters were folded with a blank space on the outside for the address and were sealed with wax. Of course postage had to be paid in cash, and as indicative of the scarcity of money, Grandfather has told how Mr. John Huey, a fellow Kentuckian, a prosperous farmer, and the father of ten sons and two daughters to each of whom he gave a farm, was on occasion compelled to allow a letter for him from a Kentucky relative to lie in the post office for weeks until he could raise the required 25 cents for the postage on it.

Nearly all the members of the St. Marys community were Kentuckians and Baptists. The St. Marys Baptist Church was organized on the "first Saturday in August", 1837 and at once became the center of the social and religious life of the community. We have the original minutes of the



business meetings of this church from its organization down to October 13, 1866, these having been copied into the church records in a more permanent form.

The discipline of this church was unbelievably strict. If two members had a personal difference which caused them to become offended with each other or a dispute over a business transaction, they were brought before a committee of the church which heard the facts and rendered a decision that both had to obey or suffer expulsion from the church. If a member committed an indiscretion, such as attending a dance, or missed attendance on church services for several consecutive meetings, charges were presented against him of absenting himself from church meetings and a committee was appointed to wait on the erring member and ascertain the reason for his lack of attendance. If he had no reason, or no sufficient reason, then after such report from the committee and notice given, a hearing was had on such charges. If these were sustained, the member was found guilty of sin and expelled from the church, unless sin was confessed and forgiveness asked and granted.

Grandfather was thus charged, convicted and expelled. The story of this as it has been handed down as a legend in the family is interesting. In the fall of 1850 he mounted his horse one Sunday afternoon and rode to the bottoms of a nearby stream known to us as Crooked Creek, but having the geographical name of Lamoine River, to see if he might locate some of his cattle which ranged in the creek bottoms during the summer. As he rode he chanced to see a buck deer lying in tall grass ahead. He turned and rode to the next farm house, the home of Mr. James Sammons, found nobody at home, went in and selected a rifle from several resting on hooks above the door, rode back and shot the deer, loaded it on his horse and returned to the Sammons home, replaced the rifle, cut up the deer, left a portion for the Sammons family and took the rest home with him. For this the Church filed charges of sin against him and he was notified to appear for trial at its next business meeting. Grandfather was a rather high-spirited Kentuckian. The committee which notified him of the charges and the impending trial reported back that he said he thought his business would prevent him from attending the trial and that, if it didn't he would not come anyway. In August, 1852, he was tried in his



absence and was convicted of sin, and in February, 1853 he was expelled from the church.

There is a sequel to this story. Thirty years later he asked to be taken back into the church. The writer of this vividly recalls the scene as, with snow-white hair and beard, he stood in church and said, "I was in the wrong. I have been away a long time and I want to come home." The church unanimously and cordially restored him to membership.

When our grandfather came to St. Marys the country was undeveloped frontier. The early settlers, mostly from Kentucky, thought the prairie, which was swampy, without drainage and grown up in prairie grass six feet high, was unhealthful, malarial, and an unfit place to live. So they acquired and settled in the timber land on both sides of Crooked Creek and proceeded to clear the timber from the land they wanted for cultivation. Later when section line roads were laid out and graded across the prairie and the prairie sod was broken out so the land drained, it became fully twice as valuable as the hill land along the streams.

This change in the country had been brought about by the time we of the present generation arrived. But by reason of undrained sloughs and swamps along the creek, malaria still plagued those who lived near it. In our recollection there were still some families who expected to have a case of chills and fever every summer. Every other day was a chill day, and on the day between they would do their chores and prepare for their chill day so that on that day they could lie abed and shake. But all stagnant pools in the creek bottoms were drained many years ago and the chills and fever went with them.

These pioneers were a sturdy race. They were hard-working, strictly honest, devoutly religious and generously helped each other when in need. Grandfather was a leader among them, and together they built the land.



## ANN ELIZA (GRAVES) GARNETT

Daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves, wife of Joel Graves Garnett, and our paternal grandmother, was born in Boone County, Kentucky on October 9, 1817. She was the mother of twelve children, four of whom died in infancy. Those who lived to maturity are already listed herein. How she and her husband established their home at St. Marys, Illinois has already been related.

She was of a quiet, kindly nature, an industrious and efficient homemaker and a devoted wife and mother. Her home was the center of hospitality for the St. Marys community and for Kentucky kinfolks and friends who came to St. Marys to locate or to visit.

She united with the St. Marys Baptist Church on August 25, 1840. The church building was located about a city block from her home, and for the next fifty years, until her death on August 14, 1890, its doors were never open for a service of any kind but what she was there, if physically able to attend. She was a Sunday School teacher during most of those fifty years.

It was the custom in those days for the congregation to visit after the church services for an hour or so. They were all farm folk, and this was their opportunity to inquire after the health and welfare of each other. There was always a round of invitations to dinner, with the result that about half of them would go home with the other half for Sunday dinner. Grandma tried to speak to everyone present, and particularly if there was a poor person among them whom she thought the others might overlook, she would seek such person and extend to him or her a cordial invitation to go home with her for dinner.

Some of the members lived as far as ten miles away from the church, and in order to be in time for church services on Sunday morning, they would load the family into the farm wagon and drive to St. Marys on Saturday afternoon. Always they put up overnight with Grandpa and Grandma Garnett. Usually there were beds enough for the grownups, but the youngsters, often a dozen or more, were bedded down all through the house in trundle-beds and on pallets.



There were some poor folk in the community whom Grandma for years secretly supplied with provisions. This fact was revealed after her death by those who had received her bounty and who grievously mourned her departure.

Grandpa and Grandma's sons have said that punishment for misdeeds was administered freely by both parents, and that he could lick a boy all over so quick the boy would hardly have time to get his breath and realize what was happening, but that she would never punish one of them when she was angry. Instead she would promise to whip him sometime later and always kept her word. When the appointed time came she would calmly take him into a bedroom, pray over him, tell him how much she regretted having to punish him, and then give him a sound thrashing. The boys soon forgot a licking they got from Grandpa, but never one from her.

Her most marked characteristic was her devoutly religious character. A profound student of the Bible, she always explained and governed her actions and her opinions with quotations from it. These quotations she introduced in ordinary conversation with the words "The Scriptures say". She made practical application of her religion in visiting the sick and in generosity to the poor, and as a peacemaker in quarrels.

Her sons were all members of the St. Marys Baptist Church. Two of them were lifetime deacons and one of them was for many years church clerk.

She died on August 14, 1890, and was buried in St. Marys Cemetery.



## JAMES HUNTER AND MARTHA (LOGAN) HUNTER

Our mother's parents, were both born in County Londonderry in Ulster Province in the North of Ireland. They were of pure Scottish blood and Presbyterian in religion. In those days and in that country religion was the most important factor in the social and political life of the people, and difficulties in religion often resulted in physical violence. The Orangemen of the Presbyterian North and the Catholics to the South waged a sort of guerrilla warfare on the borderline between them. Often it was a case of a fight on sight without other provocation than the difference in religion which made those areas as distinct as two separate nations. This, in fact, they are today.

Grandpa and Grandma grew to maturity in Ireland. There were parental objections to their marriage since they were first cousins, so Grandpa left for the New World to forget and to seek his fortune.

Grandma, being a women of spirit, decided she was not going to let such a "braw laddie" get away from her and followed him over. She lived with her sister, Jane Black, in New York City and was employed as a seamstress. He found a job with an iron foundry operated by a Mr. Thomas in Allentown, Pennsylvania. They were married on January 17, 1845, at the home of Jane Black in New York City.

They made their home at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Allentown, where he continued his employment in the foundry. After a few years it appeared that the fumes from the molten metal in the foundry were affecting his health and they moved to Illinois and settled on a farm in Ellington Township a few miles northeast of Quincy in Adams County where they lived until he died on October 29, 1889. Our mother has said that her earliest recollection was walking up the gang plank from the boat on their arrival at Quincy.

Grandpa was a successful farmer and kept his farm as neat as a park. His huge bank barn was a delightful place for the older children in our family to play hide and seek. The younger ones never had the opportunity. About once a year our parents would load the family in a farm wagon and drive the 45 miles from St. Marys to Grandpa's home for a visit. These visits were truly dream days. The big fine house, the barn and out-buildings,



with Grandma's cordial and affectionate welcome—for she surely loved children, and especially her grandchildren—were truly a paradise for us.

After Grandpa died the farm was sold and Grandma and Uncle Joe went to live in Quincy. Later she came to live with our parents at St. Marys. In June, 1903 she went to Joliet, Illinois to visit Uncle Joe, who was then employed there, and on July 2, she died from injuries received from a fall.

Both our grandparents spoke with a broad Scottish accent. He was a very quiet reserved man, not talkative, but a good listener, contributing an occasional "Oh, aye, aye" to the conversation. He was kind, sympathetic and generous to those less fortunate, a trait inherited by our mother. Grandma was more stern, and mother has told us of occasions when in her presence he would give money to some needy person, he would say: "Now, Annie, don't tell your mother about this." He was of the strictest integrity and highly respected by all who knew him.

Grandmother was a forthright and plain spoken Scottish woman and not one to conceal her dislikes with soft words, but still she was kind, pleasant and hospitable and a most efficient homemaker. She had full confidence in her ability to cope with any situation and was always ready with an apt reply or comment. Once when, after middle age, she was about to visit her sister Ellen Blair in New York City and her children were fearful she might get lost, she said: "I'll nae get lost while I hae a tongue in me head." She had many pithy Scottish sayings and used most of the scores of maxims that have come down through the ages. When some restless person was aimlessly wandering about, she would say he was "roving around like a clove on Sunday." When bragging on a little boy, she would say "You are a fine boy, you'll be a man before your mother". When a little one was hurt, she would comfort him by saying "I can stand twice as much in the same place." When a little one would fall down and lie crying, she would say "Come here, and I will pick you up." It was surprising how often the child would come to her and lie down to be picked up. And when some of her family complained of tough meat, she would say, "It is tougher when there is none."



Some of her favorite sayings of general usage were:

- “Many a mickle makes a muckle.”
- “Make your head save your heels.”
- “Do your work well and none will ask how long you were at it.”
- “You can’t teach your mother to milk ducks.”
- “Willful waste makes woeful want.”
- “Don’t tell all you know and give your note for the balance.”

And she often used the following familiar quotations from Burns:

- “Aye, keep something to yoursel you would na tell to ony.”
- “No man can tether time nor tide.”
- “Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
- “Ta see ousrels as ither see us.”
- “The best laid plans o’ mice and men gang aft agley.”

Both grandparents were strict Presbyterians, and with them Sunday, which they called the Sabbath, began with sundown Saturday night and lasted until sunup Monday morning. Children could not play games on Sunday, and if a boy even whistled, he was reprimanded. Children were expected to spend their spare time on Sunday studying the catechism. From such sturdy, self-disciplined Scottish Yeomen the progress of civilization throughout the world has received a powerful impulse.



ROBERT KIRTELEY GARNETT AND ANNIE ELIZABETH  
(HUNTER) GARNETT

Our beloved and honored parents, met in 1864 in a small college at Abingdon, Illinois, where both were students. Her parents lived on a farm near Quincy, Illinois. They were married at her home on September 20, 1866. For three years they lived on a farm belonging to her father, situated a few miles from the Hunter home. Then they purchased a farm near Colmar, Illinois and lived there until the fall of 1873 when they traded that farm for one near Butler, Bates County, Missouri, and moved there in a covered wagon. They were there two years—one was a drouth year in which every crop they had burned up and the other was a locust year in which the locusts came in a great swarm and ate every green thing on the earth. Mother has said that they flew against the house and fell into a drift at the bottom big enough that one could have taken a scoopshovel and loaded a wagon with them. In the fall of 1875, broke and discouraged, they loaded their belongings on their wagon and moved back to Illinois.

For the next five years they lived on rented farms near St. Marys and then purchased one adjoining the townsite of the village of St. Marys on the north. They moved to this farm in March, 1881 and lived there for the next thirty years and until all their children were grown and gone from home. Then they sold the farm and bought a little house in St. Marys where they lived until he died on April 21, 1918. Mother then went to live with Harriet at Pratt, Kansas where she died on December 4, 1923.

This farm was the homestead of the family where the younger children were born and the older ones grew to maturity. During those thirty years our father became a successful farmer and stock raiser, but also had time to take an active part in the affairs of the community. During most of those years he was justice of the peace for St. Marys Township, was once elected tax collector for that township, served as a director of the St. Marys School District, was clerk of the St. Marys Baptist Church, helped organize the St. Marys Chapter of the Farmers Alliance and also the Hancock County Farmers Alliance of which he was the first president. He was a man of the strictest integrity and was well liked and highly respected in the community where he lived.



Our mother was a remarkable woman. We agree collectively that she could do more different kinds of work and do them better and faster than anyone we have ever known. She was a skilled seamstress and did tatting and the finest needlework. She knew all the arts of housekeeping and everything flourished under her hand. Her family was well fed, even when there were six children at home, a hired man and our Aunt Alvira who made her home with us for years, and Mother and Father to make ten at table, three times a day. She cut and made the clothing, both outer and under, and knit socks for her children, and they were well-clothed. She had few equals and no superiors in poultry raising and gardening. Then there were apples to dry and fruit and vegetables to can, lye soap and tallow candles to make and carpet rags to sew for carpeting for the home, which were woven by a local weaver.

Of course all the children were required to, and did, help with all the work on the farm, both outdoors and indoors, as they became old enough to do so.

When Mother was unable to do any hard work, by reason of the infirmities of age, she lamented the fact and often said to us, "Work is the greatest blessing in the world."

She had a bright, well-informed mind, and was constantly repeating pithy Scottish sayings to us. She was devoutly religious and although reared a Presbyterian, she joined the Christian Church at Abingdon, and then the Baptist Church at St. Marys when her home was established there. The welfare of her family was the objective and controlling force in her thoughts and her labor. There never was a more devoted mother. Her great ambition was that all her children should have the best education that schools and colleges could give and that they would take. To this end she planned, sacrificed, encouraged and inspired, with the result that Mamie and Lou got high school educations, which were not so common in those days, and the other six graduated from the University of Illinois. Father went along on that program, but it was Mother who furnished the drive when the going was rough.

Both parents were strict disciplinarians and, though both loved their children, each administered a good switching to a child when needed. We were expected to say "Sir" when addressing our father and always to



be respectful when speaking to our mother.

Father was of a quick and high temper, whether he was dealing with a stubborn horse, a mean bull or a saucy or obstreperous boy, and a flogging he gave was one to be remembered. Sometimes we thought we were under harsh, not to say cruel, rule, but in the mellow light of after years, we approve the strict discipline enforced by corporal punishment with which our parents governed their numerous family. It is a good way to bring up children, and if it were more widely followed now, there would be less juvenile delinquency.



## MARY VESPER (GARNETT) BOTTS

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, and always known in the family as Mamie, was born August 5, 1867, near Quincy, Illinois. Thereafter her parents moved to St. Marys, Illinois where she grew up. She attended St. Marys District School and Plymouth Highschool where she graduated in May, 1885. Beginning in the fall of that year, she taught various country district schools continuously until some two years after her marriage.

On March 28, 1889 she married Jay Minor Botts at St. Marys, Illinois. They lived on the old Botts homestead which adjoined our Garnett homestead on the north, the houses being only about two city blocks apart, so even after her marriage she was still practically a member of her parents' household.

Her husband was a very successful farmer, and she was a most energetic and helpful farmer's wife. She had a bright mind and a most kindly and gentle disposition and devoted her life to her husband and children and the St. Marys Baptist Church. She was held in high regard and was greatly beloved in the St. Marys community.

For the last twenty-five years of her life she was afflicted with diabetes. In 1943, then an invalid, she went to live with her sister Harriet at El Paso, Texas. During her last years she gave substantial sums of money to her and her husband's relatives who were needy and especially liberal amounts to the St. Marys Baptist Church and to the St. Marys Cemetery Association. During those last years of illness and suffering she never uttered a word of complaint, but was always patient, kind and sweet-tempered. To this Harriet bears eloquent testimony. Truly, to paraphrase the familiar lines:

"None knew her but to love her,  
None named her but to praise."



## JAY MINOR BOTTS

The Botts family was of Virginia and Kentucky origin. The St. Marys, Illinois branch came from Boone County, Kentucky. Minor, as Mamie's husband was known, was an energetic, enthusiastic and successful farmer and a highly respected citizen. He enjoyed his work and often said he would rather be a farmer than do any other kind of work he knew of. He died owning a well stocked farm of 499 acres with no debts and a substantial bank account, all accumulated in his lifetime.

## FOREST ELIZA BOTTS

Daughter of Minor and Mamie Botts, was educated in St. Marys District School, Carthage College of Carthage, Illinois, and Illinois State Normal School at Normal, near Bloomington, Illinois. She taught country district schools for a few years, but was early stricken with arthritis in its worst form. Everything that medical science could do was done for her. She spent two years in the care of a then noted specialist in Philadelphia, but she gradually grew worse until first her limbs and then her entire body became rigid. She could still move her head, but she had to be fed and her body turned by others. Nature gave her a wonderfully bright mind and a most happy and cheerful disposition. During her years of affliction no word of gloom or complaint ever escaped her. She kept informed on current events and affairs of the farm. She was an interesting talker and was always so cheerful and happy that even at the height of her affliction, a visit with her was like a breath of spring. The visitor left uplifted, thrilled and exhilarated in mind and with her merry laugh singing in his ears. To us she was a living miracle.

## SELMA LEAL BOTTS

Daughter of Minor and Mamie Botts, was educated in the St. Marys District School and Western Illinois State Normal at Macomb, Illinois. She taught the St. Marys District School for several years, both before and after her marriage.

On December 29, 1923 she married Harold S. Huey, son of Robert and Helen (Halbert) Huey, at St. Marys. The Huey family was of Virginia and Kentucky origin, and the St. Marys branch came from Boone County, Kentucky.



Harold and Selma lived on and ran the farm of her parents. She was an accomplished and efficient person, was Secretary of the St. Marys Cemetery Association, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the St Marys School District, Clerk of the St. Marys Baptist Church and actively engaged in Sunday School and church work. She did an excellent job of housekeeping and was an active helper of her husband on the farm as well, and they were unusually successful farmers. They had one child that died at birth.

At the early age of 37, and while in apparently good health, she was suddenly stricken and died in a few days.

#### HAROLD S. HUEY

Husband of Selma Leal Botts, was born May 21, 1898, near Colmar, Illinois. He was an especially successful farmer, having acquired and added 460 acres to an original area of 400 by the time he was 43 years of age. Then, on October 3, 1941, he met with a terrible automobile accident that kept him in the hospital for about a year and left him permanently crippled. On September 1, 1938, he married Esther Sallee. They have one child.



## LOUISA OLENA (GARNETT) BOTTS

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, and always known in the family as Lou, was born on a farm near Quincy, Illinois, on November 13, 1868. Thereafter her parents moved to St. Marys in Hancock County, Illinois, where she grew up. She was educated in the St. Marys District School and Plymouth High School. She married William Grafton Botts on November 29, 1888, at St. Marys, Illinois. They set up housekeeping on a farm about a mile and a half from her parents' home, which remained a second home to her.

They lived the usual farm life until 1908 when they sold their farm and moved to Carthage, Illinois, then after a few years to Prague, Oklahoma, where he and her brother Elmer organized the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of which he was president. They resided at Prague until 1914 when they sold out there and moved to Oklahoma City where they lived until her death on March 11, 1941.

Lou was a most sociable person and made many warm friends in every community where she lived. She was a skilled seamstress and efficient in all the arts of housekeeping and was devoted to her home and family, but still loved to go places and see things. She belonged to the Baptist Church, the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Order of Eastern Star, and was especially active and popular in the latter. From April, 1919 to April, 1920 she was Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star for the State of Oklahoma, and was Grand Lecturer of that Order for the State of Oklahoma during the ensuing year and continued to be greatly interested in its activities as long as she lived.

She was of a generous and kindly nature and enjoyed doing things for others and was greatly beloved by her family, including her brothers and sisters, and by a host of friends.

## WILLIAM GRAFTON BOTTS

Was first cousin of Jay Minor Botts. As already related, he and Lou lived on a farm near St. Marys until 1908 when they moved to Carthage, Illinois then to Prague, Oklahoma, where he helped organize and became president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. In 1914 this bank was sold and they moved to Oklahoma City where they lived until her



death. He then went to live with his daughter, Vesper (Botts) Trodick, at Kalispell, Montana, where he resided until his death July 9, 1955.

#### VESPER GARNETT (BOTTS) TRODICK

Daughter of Will and Lou Botts, attended St. Marys District School where her first teacher was her aunt Grace A. Garnett. She became a member of St. Marys Baptist Church of which her greatgrandfather Joseph Botts was pastor for 46 years. She entered Carthage High School at Carthage, Illinois, but moved to Prague, Oklahoma, with her parents in 1908, and graduated from Epworth University Academy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1909. She first entered the University of Illinois and then transferred to Oklahoma University where she was a charter member of Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

On September 8, 1920 she married Alfred J. Trodick in Salt Lake City, Utah. They made their home in Great Falls, Montana, where he was Chief of the Fire Department. Later they moved to a new home on the east shore on Flathead Lake, Montana, and then still later to Kalispell, Montana, where they now reside.

She was State Treasurer, State Organizer and in 1922, 1925 and 1929 was president of the Montana State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and is past president of East Lake Shore Garden Club of Flathead Lake and past president of Century Club of Kalispell. She has served as chairman of T.B. seal drives and is active in many civic and social clubs in Kalispell.

#### ALFRED JOSEPH TRODICK

Son of John and Bridget (Kelley) Trodick, and husband of Vesper Garnett (Botts) Trodick, was born October 29, 1874 at Denver, Colorado. He attended the public schools in Chicago and also in New York City. In 1889 he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to Company A, 8th Infantry Regiment. He saw service for the next six years at various points in Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota. He was mustered out in 1895. He homesteaded a farm in Lewis & Clark County, Montana, and on June 5, 1895 married Miss Emma Rhein. She died November 13, 1918. He worked for the Great Northern Railway for several years, and in 1916 was made Chief of the Fire Department at Great Falls, Montana.



He is a Mason and a member of the Great Falls Consistory, a member of the Elks Lodge and of the Rotary Club and is past president of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs Association. He is a man of genial and kindly manner and was popular with everyone who worked with him or for him.

### CHARLES CLIFFORD BOTTS

Son of Will and Lou Botts, and known as Clifford in the family, was born September 26, 1892 at St. Marys, Illinois. He attended district school at St. Marys, then in 1908 moved with his parents to Carthage, Illinois, then to Prague, Oklahoma where he graduated from Prague High School. He attended Oklahoma University for two years where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. On leaving the University he was employed in the First State Bank in Oklahoma City until he was inducted into the Army in World War I. He was a member of the 57th Infantry Regiment, Unattached, which was stationed at Fort Logan, near Houston, Texas, throughout the War. During this service he was for a time in charge of the Post Exchange.

After the War he was employed as bookkeeper in Dallas, Texas. On January 6, 1922 he was married to Zola Marie Fort at Dallas. In 1926 they moved to Great Falls, Montana, and on April 11, 1927 he was employed by the Continental Oil Company as a district auditor. In this position he audited the accounts of gas station operators of the Company. This work required him to travel a great deal and to move headquarters from time to time, and they have lived in various cities in Montana, Idaho and Washington.

In 1941 they located in Missoula, Montana and have since resided there. He is now general field auditor for the Northwest Territory of the Continental Oil Company and is the oldest employee in years of service of that company.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Algeria Shrine of Missoula.

### ZOLA MARIE (FORT) BOTTS

Wife of Charles Clifford Botts, and daughter of Eli Fort and Mary Frances (Sabin) Fort, was born February 16, 1897, at Chamberlain, South Dakota. She was a beautiful woman and skilled and efficient in all the arts of homemaking and a most industrious worker at that job.



Throughout her married life she devoted herself unsparingly to the care and welfare of her husband and her children. She was a member of the Eastern Star, White Shrine and Daughters of the Nile. She died at Missoula, Montana on December 22, 1954.

### WILLIAM ALFRED BOTTS

Son of Clifford and Zola Botts, was born January 7, 1929 at Great Falls, Montana. He attended the public schools of Great Falls and of Missoula and graduated from Missoula High School in June, 1948. He attended Montana University at Missoula where he majored in psychology and graduated in June, 1952 with a B.A. Degree.

In the University he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. On graduation he enlisted in the United States Medical Corps at Butte, Montana and took training at Camp Pickett in Virginia and the Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He was made a corporal and appointed Chief Clinical Psychologist in the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Lampac, California. He received his discharge March 1, 1955.

### MARY LOUISE (BOTTS) NELSON

Daughter of Clifford and Zola Botts, was born February 4, 1931, at Great Falls, Montana. She attended the public schools in Great Falls and in Missoula and graduated from Missoula High School in June, 1949. She then attended Montana State College at Bozeman, Montana for two years where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority.

On August 12, 1950 she was married at Missoula, Montana to Irving J. Nelson. They now reside at Hot Springs, Montana. She is a member of Daughters of the Nile and White Shrine.

### IRVING J. NELSON

Husband of Mary Louise (Botts) Nelson, and son of John Albert Nelson and Hazel Joseph (Madill) Nelson, was born October 17, 1928, at Outlook, Montana. He served two years in the United States Marines and graduated at Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana in March, 1953, with a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Engineering. He was a member of the Scholastic Fraternity of Phi Kappa Phi. He is now employed with



the United States Department of Agriculture in the Soil Conservation Service.

### CHARLES CLIFFORD BOTTs, JR.

Son of Clifford and Zola Botts, was born July 27, 1932, at Choteau, Montana. He attended the public schools of Missoula and graduated from Missoula High School in 1951. He joined the United States Air Force at Butte, Montana on January 15, 1951 and served with the 5th Airways and Air Communications Service (Installation and Maintenance). He was made a corporal and was sent overseas and served for two and one-half years in Japan and Korea. He returned to the United States in August, 1954, and was stationed at Wurtsmith Base, Oscoda, Michigan. He was discharged from the Service January 15, 1955.



## CHARLES HUNTER GARNETT

Son of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, was born on a farm near Colmar, McDonough County, Illinois, on January 12, 1873. The movements of his parents until they settled, in March, 1881, on the family homestead three-fourths of a mile north of the village of St. Marys are related elsewhere.

He attended district school at St. Marys and then Plymouth High School where he graduated in 1890, as valedictorian of his class. After a year on the farm he entered Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois, in the fall of 1891, but was compelled to quit in the middle of the year by a severe case of measles. He taught three terms of district school and reentered Carthage College in the fall of 1893. After two years there he transferred his credits to the University of Illinois, in the fall of 1895. In June, 1896 he graduated with an A.B. Degree and was awarded the Harris Banking Prize of \$100.00 for the best essay on the subject of "State Banks of Issue in Illinois" and was elected to a University Fellowship in Economics. The University later published the essay. Under the fellowship he was required to teach one hour a day, was paid \$400.00 for the year and was to do postgraduate work. During the school year he taught first year economics in the University and in June, 1897, received an M.A. Degree. He was a member of Adelphic Literary Society and a charter member of Chi Iota Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at the University.

In the fall of 1897 he began the study of law in the offices of Prentiss, Hall & Gregg and the Kent College of Law, a night law school, in Chicago. In the fall of 1898 he transferred his credits to Yale Law School and entered the Senior Class. In June, 1899, he was graduated with the degree of LL.B. On December 16th of that year he passed the required examination and was admitted to the Illinois Bar.

In 1900 he was nominated and elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of States Attorney of Hancock County, Illinois, for a four year term. He continued to practice law at Carthage for the next two years.

On June 6, 1906, he was married to Mary Ermine Williams at Fort Stockton, Texas. In December following, they located in Hugo, Indian



Territory. After spending the winter there, they moved to Oklahoma City, arriving there April 17, 1907. He has lived there continuously since.

In his earlier years he was much interested in politics. In Illinois he served as Chairman of the Hancock County Democratic Central Committee for two years, and in Oklahoma he was Chairman of the Oklahoma City Democratic Central Committee from 1911 to 1915. In 1914 he was elected Judge of the Superior Court of Oklahoma County. This was a court having concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court and its ministerial equipment was practically a duplication of that Court. In the interest of economy the 1915 Legislature abolished the Superior Court and created additional district judgeships to take care of the increasing volume of court business.

Since leaving that office he has practiced law down to date and is now senior member of the law partnership of Garnett & Garnett, of which his son, W. K. Garnett, is the Junior partner. He has been paid high compliments on his legal ability by various State and Federal Judges.

For a time he specialized with marked success in claims and lawsuits arising under the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States. He took three such cases to the Supreme Court of the United States and was successful in reversing the lower court in two of them. He considers his success in what is known locally as the "Civic Center cases" as his greatest achievement. These involved the abandoned right of way of the Rock Island Railroad through the City of Oklahoma City. The facts on which they were based are set forth in the decision of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma in the case of Noble vs. Oklahoma City, 172 Okla. 182, 44 P.2d 135, and in the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Noble vs. Oklahoma City, 297 U.S. 481, 80 L.Ed. 816, 56 S.Ct. 562, which reversed the State Court decision. Following the United States Court decision, he took judgments against the City for the value of properties taken and interest on those values from the date of taking, totaling over a million dollars.

He has been a member of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce consistently throughout the years. He served for many years as a deacon and then as an elder in the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City.



## MARY ERMINE (WILLIAMS) GARNETT

Wife of Charles H. Garnett, and known as Ermine to her family and friends, was born at Dallas, Texas, February 20, 1885. In April following, her parents settled at Fort Stockton, Texas, then an Army post, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Her father's doctors had said he was threatened with tuberculosis and had sentenced him to a life in the arid southwest region.

Fort Stockton was ranch country and from childhood, Ermine experienced and enjoyed ranch life and acquired a love for horseback riding that lasted while she lived. She attended the Fort Stockton Public Schools, but most of her education was in the Carthage Public Schools and in Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois where she made her home with her grandfather, Jesse Williams. She had a special talent in music and drawing and was a lover of art and nature, especially the wide open spaces.

She was devoutly religious and a fundamentalist in her belief, with the simplest and most implicit faith in all the teachings of the Bible. She was a member and leader in the women's work of the Christian Church. She cared little for society and purely social clubs, but sought her friends among the less fortunate and gave unsparingly of her time and means to the poor, the sick and afflicted.

Her married life was spent in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where she belonged to the D.A.R., the Flower Club and served on the Women's Board of Control of various orphanages in that city.

## CAROLYN (DECKER) GARNETT

Second wife of Charles H. Garnett, was born January 14, 1886, in Hollis, Kansas. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Concordia, Kansas. She graduated from the Concordia High School and attended Normal school there. She taught school for a time then entered St. Joseph's Hospital taking nurses' training. In 1908 she married and has one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Hammer.

She and Charles were married April 17, 1954. She has a kind, sweet disposition, is a wonderful cook and an immaculate housekeeper. A devoted wife, she takes loving care of her husband.

She is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the Garden Club, and is a devout Christian.



## ELIZABETH ERMINE (GARNETT-HAMILTON) BERST

Known as Betty by the members of the family and her friends, daughter of Charles H. and Ermine Garnett, was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 3, 1908. She attended the Oklahoma City public schools and the Fort Stockton, Texas, High School where she graduated in June, 1926.

In September of that year she entered Oklahoma University and graduated in June, 1930 with the degree of B.S. in paleontology. At the University she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega social sorority, and in her senior year was elected Honorary Colonel of the Cadet Regiment.

On August 15, 1930 she married Milton Kenneth Hamilton in Oklahoma City. They located at Altus, Oklahoma and later moved to Lawton, Oklahoma and in 1937 moved to Shreveport, Louisiana. Her husband was a salesman, first with Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Company and then for Folgers Coffee Company.

She and her husband were divorced, and on July 15, 1949 she married Carl J. Berst at the home of her parents in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They established their home in Appleton, Wisconsin where he was engaged in the cheese packaging business. In 1951 they moved to Madison, Wisconsin where they now reside.

She was active in the social life of the young married set at Shreveport, where she was a member of the Junior League. At Madison she belongs to a golf club and a number of social clubs. She is a member of the D.A.R. and the Episcopal Church and is a leader in the women's work of that organization.

Betty is a woman of restless energy, has traveled in Europe and visited numerous resorts in the United States and the West Indies, has a host of friends, and is a lavish entertainer in her Madison home.

## CARL J. BERST

Husband of Elizabeth Ermine (Garnett-Hamilton) Berst, was born April 13, 1910 at Lockport, Illinois. He attended the public schools and graduated from Joliet State College and thereafter did special work at Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.



During World War II he was a First Lieutenant in the Quarter Master Department of the United States Navy and was stationed at Chicago. His job was the procurement of supplies for the allies.

After the war he engaged in the cheese packaging business with his plant at Blackcreek and his office at Appleton, Wisconsin. In 1951 he moved his plant to Portage, Wisconsin and has since enlarged it until now he is packaging more cheddar cheese than any other individual or corporation in the United States. His "Miss Wisconsin" brand of cheddar cheese is distributed by Armour & Co. and is a nationally known product. His business has prospered remarkably well.

#### WILLIAM GARNETT HAMILTON

Son of Milton K. and Elizabeth Garnett Hamilton, was born January 11, 1932 in Altus, Oklahoma. He attended the public schools and St. Johns High School at Shreveport, Louisiana, and Sewanee Military Academy at Sewanee, Tennessee, where he graduated cum laude in 1950. From Sewanee he went to Princeton University at Princeton, New Jersey, where he graduated in June, 1954, with a degree of B.S. in Industrial Engineering, receiving the highest grade in his class on his thesis. He married Elizabeth Conradi Schmitz on September 11, 1954, at Princeton, New Jersey.

In September, 1954, he was inducted into the United States Army and given the rank of second lieutenant in Field Artillery. After training in Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was ordered to Germany as a replacement officer.

#### ELIZABETH CONRADI (SCHMITZ) HAMILTON

Wife of William Garnett Hamilton, was born June 8, 1935, at Shanghai, China. She was educated in the public schools and at Westminster Choir College at Princeton, New Jersey. She is a kindly, friendly, lovable girl.

#### WILLIAMS KIRTLEY GARNETT

Son of Charles and Ermine Garnett, was born June 24, 1911, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He graduated from Central High School, Oklahoma City and from Oklahoma University, with a B.A. Degree, and from the Oklahoma University Law School with an LL.B. Degree. On



graduation and admission to the Bar, he became a partner with his father in the practice of law in Oklahoma City. While in the University he belonged to Delta Tau Delta social fraternity and Scabbard and Blade honorary military fraternity, and for three years was captain of the polo team.

He took advanced military training in the University, and on graduation received a commission as second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. On August 24, 1941, he was called to active duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was promoted to First Lieutenant and assigned to the 77th Field Artillery Battalion.

In February, 1942, his battalion was moved to Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Texas, and he was promoted to Captain. From there he moved to Fort Dix, New Jersey and embarked at Staten Island, New York, February 8, 1943, aboard the transport S.S. Uruguay. On February 12 this ship was accidentally rammed and nearly sunk by a navy tanker, but managed to keep afloat until it could put in at Bermuda on February 17. He embarked from Bermuda on March 10, aboard transport S.S. Santa Rosa and landed at Casablanca, French Morocco, March 21; moved overland to vicinity of Mateur, Algeria where the German Afrika Corps surrendered; embarked aboard a navy landing craft at Bizerte, Algeria and landed in Sicily in the amphibious landing along with the 3rd Infantry Division; participated in the Sicilian campaign and crossed to the Italian mainland at the Straits of Messina; moved overland to the vicinity of Naples, Italy and participated in the Naples-Foggia and Rome-Arno campaigns, including the battle for Cassino and the Anzio amphibious landing and beachhead campaign; spent the winter of 1943-44 on Anzio, and in the spring drove into Rome; embarked aboard a navy landing craft from Naples, Italy, and made the amphibious landing in southern France with the 3rd Infantry Division in July; participated in the campaign of Southern France, Vosges Mountains and siege of the Siegfried Line in the winter of 1944 and spring of 1945; was attached to the 10th Armored Division, crossed the Rhine River and participated in the campaign through the Bavarian Alps of southern Germany and Austria; when the German army surrendered was assigned to the U.S. 3rd Army Intelligence Center at Freising, Germany, and later was executive officer of Prisoner of War



Enclosure No. 23 at Auerbach, Germany; embarked at Antwerp, Belgium, November 24, 1945 aboard the S.S. Jonathan Edwards and landed at Boston, Massachusetts, December 8, 1945; and was returned to inactive status at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, April 2, 1946. During this service he participated in seven campaigns—North Africa, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe and three amphibious assault landings—Sicily, Anzio Beachhead and Southern France.

He was overseas 34 months. His entire service was in the 77th Field Artillery Battalion, which was an independent unit and was assigned to various armored divisions and infantry divisions when they needed additional artillery support. It was usually attached to the 3rd, the 36th or the 45th Infantry Divisions. At various times it was included in the 7th, 5th and 3rd U.S. Armies, the British 8th Army and the French 2nd Division Infanterie Algerian. He received the American Theater Operations ribbon for service in Bermuda, the European Theater Operations ribbon with seven campaign stars, Bronze Star Medal, and Bronze Arrowhead for three amphibious assault landings.

Upon being placed on an inactive status in the Army, he again became a partner with his father in the practice of law in Oklahoma City and has continued in that occupation down to date. He resides with his wife and three children at 1710 Randel Road (Nichols Hills), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### MARY BERNICE (PHELPS) GARNETT

Wife of Williams Kirtley Garnett, was born November 21, 1919 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She attended Oklahoma City public schools, Oklahoma City University and Blackwood Business College. For several years she did secretarial work in Chicago and at Tinker Field and First Christian Church in Oklahoma City. She belongs to the D.A.R., the Ready-to-Help Club, and is a member of the Methodist Church. She devotes herself to her home and family, especially her infant twin sons.

#### SARA KATHRYN GARNETT

Daughter of Charles and Ermine Garnett, was born April 15, 1914, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She attended the Oklahoma City public



schools and graduated from Central High School in 1932. She attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated in 1937 with a B.A. Degree.

In the University she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

After graduation she did secretarial work for the Lummis Company at Houston, Texas. During World War II she worked at the Douglas Aircraft Plant in Oklahoma City. Following the War, she was employed in the United States Air Force at Tokyo, Japan from 1946 to 1950. In July, 1953 she went to Europe for a 60 day tour, but at the end of September took a job with the United States Air Force at Ramstein, Germany where she remained until August, 1954.

She now resides with her father at 610 Northwest 16th Street in Oklahoma City. She is a member of the Twin Hills Golf & Country Club, the D.A.R. and the Episcopal Church.



## GRACE ANN (GARNETT) HOBBLE

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, attended St. Marys District School and prepared for college at Carthage College Academy, Carthage, Illinois. She entered the University of Illinois in the fall of 1897 and graduated in June, 1901 with an A.B. Degree. For the next four years she taught Latin and was principal of the Plano High School at Plano, Illinois. The next two years she taught in the Prescott High School at Prescott, Arizona. On June 29, 1907 she married Arthur Casson Hobble at St. Marys, Illinois. They were college sweethearts and had graduated from the University of Illinois in the same class.

He received the degree of B.S. in Electrical Engineering and on his graduation was immediately employed by the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York. In 1903 the company sold to the Government of Mysore Province the machinery for the construction of a hydro-electric plant at Sivasamudram on the Cauvery River in British India and agreed to furnish the men to install it. He was sent as one of the crew for this purpose. After the plant was constructed he was retained by the Mysore Government to operate it. After four years he returned to the United States, and he and Grace were married and went back to his job in India.

In 1910 they returned to the United States and he did a year of post graduate work in the University of Illinois and received the degrees of M.S. and E.E. He put in a year or two on the Anti-smoke Commission in Chicago and then took charge of the construction for S. Pearson & Co., Ltd., of a hydro-electric plant on the Conchos River at Parral in northern Mexico. This work was shut down and they were driven out of Mexico by the Pancho Villa Rebellion in 1916. He was then employed by S. Pearson & Co., Ltd., as chief engineer and later technical manager of the Barcelona Light and Power Co. in Barcelona, Spain. This concern had its power plants located in the Pyrenees Mountains. He went over in March, 1917, and Grace and the children in November following. This was when the German submarine warfare was at its peak in World War I.

In 1922 they came to the United States for a visit, leaving their children in school in Switzerland. While here she was stricken with a fatal illness and died at the home of her sister Lou O. Botts in Oklahoma City, on November 11, 1922, and was buried at St. Marys, Illinois.



Grace was an earnest and most conscientious person. She took a serious view of life and its responsibilities and undertook to, and did, perform all the duties and obligations it brought to her faithfully and well, and accepted all the opportunities it offered her with zest and enthusiasm. She loved learning for its own sake and ranked high in scholarship. One of the professors under whom she studied at Carthage College said of her that she had the brightest mind of any student he ever had. She had a pleasing personality and was universally liked and was always patient, kind, courteous and generous. She was a most devout Christian and a fundamentalist in her belief, with a very simple, implicit and unwavering faith in all the teachings of the Bible.

#### ARTHUR CASSON HOBBLE

Husband of Grace Ann Hobble, was born January 9, 1880, at Glasford, Illinois. His father died when he was a small child, and his mother remarried. She and her second husband made their home in Augusta, Illinois where Arthur attended the Augusta Public Schools. He graduated from Augusta High School in 1897 and entered the University of Illinois that year. In 1901 he graduated with the degree of B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

Upon his graduation he was employed by the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York. His subsequent movements and his work thereafter are given in the sketches herein of his first wife Grace, and his second wife, her sister Harriet, and need not be repeated here. His principal job was chief engineer and technical manager of the Barcelona Light & Power Company in Barcelona, Spain. This company has its hydro-electric power plants located in the Pyrenees Mountains, and during his management the existing plants were enlarged and new ones were constructed and its power producing capacity increased until it became the largest hydro-electric company in Europe.

He devoted himself to his work with such intense energy that his health was impaired and he asked more than once to be retired, but whenever he would make such request, the company would give him a six months' vacation and a raise in pay to induce him to sign another two year contract. His ability, and particularly his scrupulous integrity in



spending the huge sums of money the company was paying out on its construction program, made him particularly valuable to it.

He was a deeply religious man and felt that he should have been preaching the Gospel instead of doing his secular job as an electrical engineer. For years he contributed annually more than enough money to pay a full time preacher and teacher as a missionary to do God's work in his stead. After he retired to El Paso he was an earnest and devoted member of Grace Chapel and often filled the pulpit for the regular worship service of that Church.

#### HARLAN GARNETT HOBBLE

Son of Arthur and Grace Hobble, was born February 3, 1909, at Sivasamudram in Mysore Province, British India.

In 1910 his parents returned to the United States and the family's residence for several years was where his father's work as an electric engineer took him. In 1918 they settled at Barcelona, Spain. He attended school in Barcelona, England and Switzerland, and graduated from Pratt High School at Pratt, Kansas, in 1925. After four years more in European schools and two in Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, he entered McGill University at Montreal, Canada, and graduated there in 1935 with the degree of Bachelor of Commerce.

On June 8, 1940 he married Lilian Verrinder at Montreal, Canada. For the next three years he was employed by various concerns in accounting work, the last being the Demerara Bauxite Co., a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of Canada, at Mackenzie, British Guiana.

On September 30, 1943, he was inducted into the United States Army and assigned to 1193rd Engineers Base Depot Group. After training, his outfit was sent to England in April, 1944. On June 16, 1944, ten days after D Day, he landed on Normandy Beach in France. He then had the rank of Technical Sergeant. In August, after the St. Lo break through, because of his fluent knowledge of the French language, he was loaned to a unit of the 9th Air Force and made liaison officer with the local French authorities. Later, still on loan, he was transferred to Advance Echelon, Air Disarmament Command (Provisional) United States Strategic Air Force. Next he was returned to his own outfit and to a detachment engaged in rerouting and expediting air force landing-field supplies as they arrived



at the Batignolles Freight Yards in Paris, where he stayed until VE day.

He was then transferred to the Military Government in Germany and assigned to Detachment 1-378 Company H, 3rd M.G. Regiment at Griesbach, Lower Bavaria. In 1946 he made application for discharge which was granted on March 8 of that year.

Soon after returning to the United States he took a two year contract to work for the Arabian-American Oil Company at Dhahran in Saudi-Arabia. Because of lack of housing facilities his wife could not accompany him. At the end of the two years there were still no housing facilities available and he refused to renew his contract.

After returning to the United States he located in New Orleans, Louisiana, and took employment with the Maryland Casualty Company as a field auditor and is still so employed.

He has lived in India, the United States, Mexico, Spain, England, Switzerland, Canada, British Guiana, and Saudi-Arabia. He now appears to be settled for the remainder of his life. Like his parents he is a devout fundamentalist Christian.

#### LILIAN (VERRINDER) HOBBLE

Wife of Harland Garnett Hobble and daughter of Frederick James and Ann Elizabeth (Capper) Verrinder, was born December 7, 1907, at Birmingham, England. An orphan at the age of 16, she came to Montreal, Canada with relatives. She attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, and studied nursing at Verdun Protestant Hospital in Montreal, and became a trained attendant, a professional classification peculiar to Canada. She was employed at nursing for a while and then for six years worked for the Montreal Gazette. During World War II she was a First Lieutenant in the Canadian Red Cross and taught various handicrafts to patients in Veterans' Hospitals and to under-privileged children in settlement homes. She is now business officer of the Louise S. McGehee School, Inc., a school for girls, in New Orleans, and also gives lectures on various subjects to classes in the school. She has boundless energy, a high order of ability, a charming personality, and, like her husband, is a sincere Christian.

#### FLORA ELOISE HOBBLE

Daughter of Arthur and Grace Hobble and known to the family as



Eloise was born at St. Marys, Illinois on August 29, 1911. She went with the family to the various places where her father's business as an electrical engineer took him. The greater part of her youth was spent at Barcelona, Spain. There she attended the English School and the Victor Duruy Lycee de Jeunes Filles in Versailles, France, and the Gymnase de Lausanne in Lausanne, Switzerland. She attended Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, Illinois for two years and then returned to Barcelona for the special study of art. There she studied painting under Sres. Borras Abella and Francisco Pausas, the latter a portrait artist of international reputation. She also studied sculpture under Sr. Enrique Claraso, also a famous artist.

When the family was driven out of Spain by the Revolution in 1936, and established their home at El Paso, Texas, she immediately began her work as a professional artist. During World War II she worked in the censorship division of the El Paso Post Office, qualifying in three languages—Spanish, French and Catalan. Catalan is the language of the Province of Catalonia of which Barcelona is the capital. Knowledge of this language was of some importance in the censor's office at El Paso, because many refugees from that province settled in Mexico after the Spanish Civil War.

After being released from her job as a censor, she resumed her profession and has become one of the best known artists in the Southwest, specializing in portrait painting. She has a well appointed studio and keeps busy with private lessons in art, commissions for portraits and her own creative work.

She belongs to the El Paso Artists Association, and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She is a devout and deeply spiritual Christian.

#### GRACE ELIZABETH HOBBLE

Daughter of Arthur and Grace Hobble, was born March 6, 1915, at Chicago, Illinois. She also went with the family to the various places where her father's work as an engineer took him. Her youth was spent at Barcelona and she attended both the English and the Swiss schools there. She attended the Gymnase de Lausanne in Lausanne, Switzerland and finished her high school work under private tutor. She graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, in 1937, with a B.S. Degree. Then



she attended the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago and graduated from it in 1940.

After employment in various positions, she joined the 13th General Hospital Corps in World War II and saw service in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan before being mustered out in March, 1946. Then she worked for the First National Bank in Chicago until 1949 when she joined the rest of the family in El Paso. In 1950 she took a course in anaesthesia at Baylor University Hospital at Dallas, Texas and passed the National Board examination with a grade of 99. She returned to El Paso and took a position as anaesthetist with Southwestern General Hospital which position she now holds.

She belongs to the American Association of Nurses and Anaesthetists. She has always been the quiet, shy type, preferring a few close friends to society in general.

She is a sincere Christian and belongs to the same fundamentalist group of believers that her parents belonged to.



## ELMER LOGAN GARNETT

Son of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, was born November 15, 1879, near St. Marys, Illinois. He attended country district school, like others of the family, and then prepared for college at Carthage High School, Carthage, Illinois. He entered the University of Illinois in 1899, but becoming short of funds in the fall of 1900, he quit the University and taught a district school in Champaign County, Illinois, for the remainder of that school year. He graduated in 1904 with an A.B. degree in Literature and Arts and graduated from Northwestern University Law School in 1906 with the degree of LL.B.

At Illinois he was a member of the Greek letter social fraternity Phi Gamma Delta, and the honorary fraternities Phi Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa, and of the Political Science Club and Van Twiller Court. He was a major in the University regiment and was awarded the Kimbell and Norton Life Insurance Fellowship for the year 1904-1905.

He came to Oklahoma Territory in 1906 in time to vote for Statehood on November 16, 1907. He started to practice law in Oklahoma City, but quit to help organize, in connection with his brother-in-law, W. G. Botts, the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Prague, Oklahoma, which he served as cashier until March, 1910. On leaving the bank at Prague he located at Altus, Oklahoma and became manager of a farm loan company organized by Hooker and Wishart, Immigration Agents for the Frisco Railroad, and managed that company for about three years. Then he went into the real estate, loan and insurance business as an independent operator and continued in it until 1947 when he turned that business over to his sons. His only business activity since has been supervising the operation of his extensive wheat and cotton farms near Altus.

He is a charter member of the Altus Rotary Club organized in 1921, and was president of it in 1923-24. He was president of the Altus Chamber of Commerce in 1924-25, served one term on the City Council of the City of Altus and was Chairman of the Altus Civic Trust Fund Committee, usually known as the Community Chest Fund, from 1941 to 1953. He helped organize the child Assistance Association, a local charitable institution, and served as its first president.



He helped organize the Altus Golf and Country Club and served on its first Board of Directors. He helped organize the Home Building & Loan Association of Altus in 1921 and served as its secretary-treasurer and manager from that date until its voluntary liquidation in 1945.

In 1925 he helped organize the George C. Wright Lumber Company, a remarkably successful local business institution, and served on its Board of Directors and as its vice-president for more than twenty years.

He has served as a director of two of the local banks. He has achieved more than usual success in his business and is recognized as one of the most prominent, reputable and public spirited citizens of Altus.

#### LELA ETHELYN (BARNARD) GARNETT

Wife of Elmer Logan Garnett, was born near Manteno, Illinois, November 17, 1882. She attended public schools in Beloit, Wisconsin and Chicago. She graduated from West Division High School in Chicago and from the University of Illinois with a B.A. Degree, in 1905. In the University she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and of the honorary Phi Delta Psi Society which later merged with Mortar Board. Her home was in Chicago, and she taught in the city schools there until her marriage. She and Elmer made their first home in Altus, Oklahoma where they have resided ever since.

Although a city-bred girl, she immediately adjusted herself to the near pioneer life of that small southwest Oklahoma town in 1910 and soon became a social and civic leader in that community. She was a member of the School Board of the Altus Public Schools for eight years. She belongs to the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and the D.A.R., and is a faithful member and active worker in the Methodist Church. She has been a wonderful companion, mother, grandmother and homemaker, and has a wide reputation for hospitality and the wonderful food furnished her family and guests. Her spacious house has been the scene of many of our family reunions.

#### HUGH BARNARD GARNETT

Son of Elmer and Lela Garnett, was born July 12, 1911 at Altus, Oklahoma. He attended the Altus public schools and graduated from the Altus High School in May, 1928. He entered Oklahoma University in



that year and graduated with a B.S. Degree in business in 1932. In the University he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity. He was employed for a year by Lawrence & Kimbrough Grocery at Altus, and then worked for his father's firm of Garnett & Murray in the real estate and insurance business.

On the outbreak of World War II he was commissioned First Lieutenant of Field Artillery and ordered to active duty in the Army on June 1, 1942. On December 30, 1943, he was promoted to Captain and was relieved from active duty on December 31, 1945. His service in the Army consisted of training soldiers at various posts in the United States. After the War he returned to Altus and took up the sales financing and installment loan business in which he is still engaged.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church, the Rotary Club and the Elks Club of Altus. He was president of the Rotary Club in 1940-41; president of the Altus Chamber of Commerce in 1941; president of the Black Beaver Council, Boy Scouts of America, in 1951-52; president of the Altus Real Estate Board in 1949; Chairman of the Jackson County Chapter of American Red Cross in 1951-52; and has been secretary of the Board of Control of the Memorial Hospital continuously since 1948.

He married Glee Miller at Sapulpa, Oklahoma on December 30, 1939.

#### GLEE (MILLER) GARNETT

Wife of Hugh Barnard Garnett, and daughter of Floyd Edwin and Elsie Hazel (Rader) Miller, was born March 24, 1916 at Lambert, Oklahoma. She graduated from Skiatook High School of Skiatook, Oklahoma, in 1933 as valedictorian of her class, and from Oklahoma University in 1937 with a B.A. Degree in social work. At Oklahoma University she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, National Collegiate Who's Who, and Delta Delta Delta social sorority. She was the recipient of the Mortar Board plaque for the outstanding sophomore woman student in 1936. After her graduation she worked for the Children's Bureau of the Federal Government at Tahlequah, Oklahoma and then at Altus, Oklahoma until she married.

She is a member of the Methodist Church, a past president of the American Association of University Women, secretary of the MacDowell Club, and vice president of the Clonian Study Club of Altus.



## LELA JEAN (GARNETT) ENGLEMAN

Daughter of Elmer and Lela Garnett, was born December 15, 1912 at Altus, Oklahoma. She graduated from Altus High School in 1928 and from Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, in 1930, and then entered Oklahoma University where she graduated in 1933 with a B.S. degree in Home Economics.

At the University she was a member of Oikonomia and Omicron Nu, honorary home economics fraternities, and of Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority. She was elected "Campus Sweetheart" beauty queen in 1933.

On November 17, 1934 she married Charles E. Engleman, a newspaperman, and after living in various Oklahoma cities, they settled in Clinton, Oklahoma in 1940 where they now reside. She is a member of the First Methodist Church, a charter member of the Clinton Junior Service League, a member of the Washita Chapter of D.A.R., Women's Society of Christian Service, Parent-Teachers Association, Rigoleur and Les Amies social club, and Clinton Girl Scout Council, and is a Girl Scout troop leader.

## CHARLES EDWARD ENGLEMAN

Husband of Lela Jean (Garnett) Engleman, was born January 25, 1911 at Greenfield, Missouri. He graduated from Tulia High School at Tulia, Texas in 1928, and was president of the senior class. He attended Oklahoma University at Norman, Oklahoma where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and of Pe-et and Blue Key honorary leadership fraternity. He was on the staffs of the Oklahoma Daily, a student newspaper, and Sooner Year Book. He graduated in 1933 with the degree of B.S. in journalism. Thereafter he worked as reporter, newspaper editor, advertising manager, and editor and publisher of newspapers in various towns in southwestern Oklahoma.

In 1940 he became editor and publisher of the Clinton Daily News at Clinton, Oklahoma and is still so employed. He was president of the Clinton Rotary Club in 1947-48, president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce in 1952-53, and is now serving on the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church at Clinton, Oklahoma and on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Press Association.



## THE ROBERT K. GARNETT FAMILY

## MARJORIE ANNE (GARNETT) McASKILL

Daughter of Elmer and Lela Garnett, was born June 5, 1918, at Altus, Oklahoma. She attended the Altus Public Schools and graduated from Altus Highschool in 1935. She received a certificate of perfect attendance record for the time she was in school, which meant that she was neither absent nor tardy for twelve years. She attended Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, in 1935-36 and then transferred to Oklahoma University where she became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Social Sorority and of the Timber Cruisers. She graduated from the University in 1939 with a B.A. Degree in Social Work. She has served on the Local Girl Scout Council and also as troupe leader and is past president of the Anne Lee Chapter of D.A.R., is current president of Chapter C.M. of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and is a member of the Methodist Church of Altus.

## ROBERT McASKILL

Husband of Marjorie Anne (Garnett) McAskill, was born November 14, 1910 at Altus, Oklahoma. He attended the Altus Public Schools and graduated from A. & M. College at Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1930 with a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Economics. He was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture from 1938 to 1944 and served as District Administrator of the Agricultural Aid Administration in seventeen counties. He and his family now reside in the city of Altus, but he owns and successfully operates one of the best grain, cotton and livestock farms in the county. He takes an active part in all farm programs and organizations. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Elks Lodge and the Methodist Church at Altus.

## RUTH ELLEN (GARNETT) SHARPE

Daughter of Elmer and Lela Garnett, was born September 4, 1920 at Altus, Oklahoma. She attended the Altus Public Schools where she was active in sports and a member of the school band and was named Basketball Queen in her senior year. She attended Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri in 1937-38 where she set two school swimming records. She attended Oklahoma University from 1938 to 1941 where she was a member of the Ducks Club, the Timbercruisers, the Racket Club and the Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority of which she was vice



president. In her senior year she was elected honorary colonel of the Cadet Regiment and her picture was placed in the Beauty Section of the year book. She graduated in 1941 with a B.S. degree in Physical Education. On April 27, 1942 she married Louis K. Sharpe III, and they established their home in Checotah, Oklahoma. She is a member of the Checotah Methodist Church; recording secretary of Chapter B.X. of the P.E.O. Sisterhood; president of the Womens Golf Association of the Muskogee Country Club; member of the Garden Club of Checotah; and is the first woman member of the Checotah City Council.

### LOUIS KERRE SHARPE, III

Husband of Ruth Ellen (Garnett) Sharpe, graduated cum laude from Shattuck School, Faribault, Minnesota in 1938. He attended Oklahoma University from 1938 to 1942. He was a letter man on the Varsity football team; president of Scabbard and Blade; president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and on the Dean's Honor Roll. He graduated in 1942 with B.S. degree in Business Administration.

He was called to active duty in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in March, 1942; promoted to First Lieutenant in September, 1942 and to Captain in August, 1943. He went overseas in April 1944 with the 204th Field Artillery Battalion and served in the XX Corps, 3rd Army, until August, 1945. He was awarded the European Theater Operations Ribbon with four battle stars, Bronze Star with Cluster, and Victory Ribbon.

He is associated as partner with his father in the Sharpe Dry Goods Company which operates a chain of dry goods stores. He is past master of A. F. and A.M. Lodge at Checotah, member of the Lions Club, the American Legion, the School Board of Checotah, the Muskogee Country Club, and the Checotah Methodist Church.

### ELMER LOGAN GARNETT, JR.

Son of Elmer Logan and Lela Ethelyn (Barnard) Garnett, was born June 18, 1922, at Altus, Oklahoma. He attended the Altus Public Schools and graduated from the Altus High School in 1939; attended the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico in 1939-1941 and entered Oklahoma University in the fall of 1941. In the University



he became a member of the Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity. In July, 1942 he enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserve and was called to active duty in January, 1943. In December, 1943 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant with Pilot Rating and served in England with the 491st Bomb Group in the Eighth U.S. Air Force from April to October, 1944. He completed 31 combat missions, was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and was promoted to First Lieutenant in August, 1944. He was discharged from the Army in July, 1945 and that fall reentered Oklahoma University. In July, 1946 he graduated with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. After graduation he entered the insurance business with his father and has now taken over that business and is also engaged in farming and stock feeding on the side.

He was president of the Altus Rotary Club in 1950-51 and is a member of the Rotary Club, Elks Lodge, American Legion of Altus, and the First Methodist Church.

#### DOROTHY LAVERNE (CRAIG) GARNETT

Wife of Elmer Logan Garnett, Jr., was born in Olustee, Oklahoma on November 2, 1925. She graduated from the Frederick, Oklahoma High School in 1943 and was voted the most popular girl in the Senior Class. While in High School she was employed as School Reporter for the local newspaper, the Frederick Leader. She attended Christian College at Abilene, Texas for one semester and was chosen Typical Freshman Girl. In 1944 she entered Oklahoma University and became a member of Chi Omega Social Sorority in which she served as Activities Chairman. She also served on the Union Activities Board at the University and became a member of El Mojii, Allied Arts Scholastic Fraternity. At Altus she became active in the Girl Scouts and served as president of the Local Council. She was president of Aldonia Study Club in 1952-53 and is a member of the Methodist Church and Choir.



## PERCIE ELLEN (GARNETT) ATKINS

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, was born on the family homestead at St. Marys, Illinois, September 30, 1882. She attended St. Marys District School and prepared for college at Carthage College Academy at Carthage, Illinois and the University of Illinois Academy. She entered the University of Illinois and graduated with a B.A. Degree on June 16, 1909. In the University she belonged to Alpha Chi Omega social sorority and the Home Economics Club. She taught home economics in Pratt High School, Pratt, Kansas for the three years 1910 to 1913.

On June 25, 1913, she married Dr. Herbert Atkins, and they made their home at Pratt, where she still resides. He died an untimely death from a sudden heart attack on April 10, 1943.

Percie was a most devoted wife and has been active in local community affairs of public interest. She is a member of the First Christian Church of Pratt where she has taught the same adult Sunday School class for thirty years. She is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the American Association of University Women, and The Coterie, a study club. She has served on the County Red Cross Board for twenty-six years; was chairman of the County Tuberculosis Association for fourteen years; and Vice-chairman of the Pratt County Democratic Committee for thirty years and for many years served on the local Election Board. She is popular in her community and has lived, and still is living, a busy useful life.

As a memorial to her husband she presented an elaborate and especially melodious set of chimes to the First Christian Church at Pratt.

## HERBERT ATKINS

Husband of Percie Ellen (Garnett) Atkins, and son of James D. and Martha (Pipes) Atkins, was born at Higbee, Missouri, September 25, 1880. He was educated in the public schools and at the University Medical College at Kansas City, Missouri, from which he graduated on May 13, 1910. He immediately began the practice of medicine at Pratt, Kansas, where he resided until his death.

He was an energetic and forthright sort of person and a very capable and successful doctor. He was a member of the First Christian Church of



Pratt and of the Pratt Rotary Club and was active in all community affairs of public interest.

At the beginning of World War I he was inducted into the Medical Corps with the rank of Captain and sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas. After a year and a half he was promoted to the rank of Major and was sent to Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, to join an overseas medical unit. While awaiting orders for embarkation, the armistice was signed and he was sent to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and thence to Camp Dix, New Jersey, where he received his discharge on May 28, 1919.

He died suddenly on April 10, 1943.



## ROBERT EDWARD GARNETT

Son of Robert K. and Annie E. Garnett, was born March 7, 1885, on the farm homestead located near St. Marys, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. He attended country district school and Carthage College Academy at Carthage, Illinois, from which he graduated in 1903. After a year on the farm he entered the University of Illinois in 1904 where he majored in accounting and business administration and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

He put in another year farming and caring for his aged parents and in September, 1909 moved to Prague, Oklahoma, where he became cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank and held that position until the bank merged with another bank in 1914. He then moved to Oklahoma City where he became assistant cashier of the Guaranty Bank and held that position until 1916, at which time he was appointed an income tax agent in the Internal Revenue Service. In 1919 he resigned that position to enter the practice of public accounting in which he has been engaged continuously since.

He passed the first C.P.A. examination given by the newly created State Board of Accountancy in Oklahoma and was issued C.P.A. certificate Number Four, dated May 15, 1918. In 1919 he formed a partnership with Ed Zumwalt and Earl Willson, under the firm name of Zumwalt, Willson and Garnett, to engage in the practice of public accounting as certified public accountants, with offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma. This firm continued until 1923 when Mr. Zumwalt withdrew from it. The business was thereafter continued under the firm name of Willson and Garnett, with offices in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, until 1936. In that year his partnership with Willson was dissolved and he formed a partnership with Earl L. Hogard under the firm name of Rob't E. Garnett & Co. which has continued the practice of public accounting as certified public accountants down to date, with offices in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

In 1925, after being tutored by Charles, but without ever having attended a law school, Rob took the Oklahoma State Bar examination, passing fourth in a class of ninety-two.



When the United States Treasury Accounts Office for the State of Oklahoma was created in 1935, he was appointed Accountant in Charge and held that position for five years, during which time he accounted for the expenditure of over a half billion dollars. In 1940 he resigned this position to devote himself to his accounting business.

He was admitted to membership in the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants on August 23, 1918 and holds Membership Certificate Number 27. He was twice president of the Society and has been a member continuously since its organization in 1918. He was a member of the American Society of Certified Public Accountants from its organization in 1922 until it merged with the American Institute of Accountants in 1936, and has been a member of that organization since 1936. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and has been a member of the Oklahoma City Lions Club for the past thirty years. He is still a member of the St. Marys Baptist Church of St. Marys, Illinois.

He has been highly successful in his accounting business and ranks as one of the best tax experts under the Internal Revenue Laws in the United States.

#### HAZEL LAUREL (JONES) GARNETT

Wife of Robert E. Garnett, was born September 13, 1888 at Bloomington, Indiana. Her mother died when she was small and she was reared by her aunt, Martha W. Totten, a sister of her father. She attended the public schools of Indianapolis and Knickerbocker Hall. She and Rob were married on June 4, 1912 at Shawnee, Oklahoma. For their honeymoon they motored to St. Marys, Illinois which, in those days of dirt roads and rains en route, took a week's time and required both skill and endurance. Their first home was at Prague, Oklahoma, but two years later they moved to Oklahoma City where they have resided ever since.

She is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Methodist Church and also various social clubs. She is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and an accomplished homemaker. She is quite active socially and her warm hospitality, bounteous table and kindly disposition have made her spacious home a popular gathering place for both family and friends.



## EDWARD JONES GARNETT

Son of Robert and Hazel Garnett, was born March 29, 1913, at Prague, Oklahoma. He attended the Oklahoma City public schools and graduated from Classen High School in 1932. He then had two years at New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico.

For a time he was in partnership with one Clyde L. Stewart in the Gunite Construction Company and more recently was vice-president and principal owner of the Gasteam Radiator Company. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

## ELIZABETH HORTENSE (WILLIAMS) GARNETT

Wife of Edward Jones Garnett, was born September 7, 1912 at Kansas City, Missouri. She attended the Clovis public schools at Clovis, New Mexico, and graduated from the Clovis High School in 1930. She attended Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and two years at Oklahoma University. She attended Blackwood-Davis Business College at Oklahoma City and then was employed for five years with Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., at its Oklahoma City office.

She is a woman of unusual energy and industry and is proficient in all the arts of housekeeping and homemaking. She is now fully occupied in caring for her three boys of school age and her baby daughter and making a comfortable home for her husband.

She is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and is active socially.



## HARRIET ELIZABETH (GARNETT-SHAW) HOBBLE

Daughter of Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett, was born August 23, 1887, at St. Marys, Illinois. She attended St. Marys District School, then three years at Plano High School, Plano, Illinois, and one year at Prescott High School, Prescott, Arizona, where she graduated in 1906. She entered the University of Illinois in September of that year. She quit the University and taught St. Marys District School during the school year 1907-08. In 1908 she reentered the University and graduated in June, 1911, with a B.A. degree. In the University she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega, social sorority, and Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary fraternities.

After graduation she taught two years in the Charleston High School, Charleston, Illinois, and then two years in Pratt High School at Pratt, Kansas. She married Cedric Hadaway Shaw, son of Ernest L. and Julia (Hadaway) Shaw, on September 20, 1915, at St. Marys, Illinois. They established their home in Pratt, Kansas where he was engaged in the retail furniture business. Their son, Robert Ernest Shaw, was born there June 27, 1916.

When the United States entered the First World War, he volunteered for service in the Army, went overseas to France in April 1918, and was killed on October 15, 1918, on the second day of the Battle of the Argonne.

After her husband's death, Harriet again taught in the Pratt High School for three years. On April 18, 1924 she married Arthur Casson Hobble, the surviving husband of her sister Grace, and became a mother to their three small children. After this marriage she went to Spain and lived there twelve years. During this time she visited Egypt and Palestine and traveled extensively throughout Europe. They were driven out of Spain by the so-called Loyalists in the Spanish Civil War and left Barcelona, July 24, 1936. On returning to the United States they located in El Paso, Texas. Arthur was in bad health and did not again engage in active business. He died at El Paso on March 25, 1949 and was buried at St. Marys, Illinois. By his business career in India, Mexico and Spain, he achieved a reputation, both in the United States and Europe, as one of the foremost electrical engineers of his time.



In 1943 she took her sister Mamie, then an invalid with diabetes, into her home and cared for her there until Mamie's death on October 20, 1949. During those six years Mamie received the most tender and affectionate care and the best medical treatment humanly possible.

Harriet was organizer and first president of the Women's Auxiliary of Cedric H. Shaw American Legion Post No. 86, at Pratt, Kansas. At El Paso she is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and a member and ex-regent of Rebecca Stoddert Chapter of D.A.R. and is also a member of the First Families of Virginia. In connection with her D.A.R. membership she became interested in the family pedigree of her father's family and has spent much time and effort in collecting the genealogy set forth in this book.

She united with the Baptist Church at St. Marys when quite young, but when she married became affiliated with the Churches of her husbands. She is a kindly, hospitable and generous person, is a leader in the social life of El Paso, is universally liked by all who come in contact with her, and has a deep affection for all her kinfolk and friends.

#### CEDRIC HADAWAY SHAW

Son of Ernest Lyman and Julia (Hadaway) Shaw, was born in Prophetstown, Whiteside County, Illinois, May 9, 1890. In 1898 he came with his parents to Pratt, Kansas, and that remained his permanent home. He attended the Pratt public schools, New Mexico Military Institute, and Kansas State Agricultural College. In college he was a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity. On leaving college he became a partner with his father in the Shaw Furniture Store at Pratt.

At the outbreak of World War I he volunteered for service in the Army and went through Officers' Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in Company I, 5th Infantry Division and was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia for further training. From there he was sent overseas and landed in France in April, 1918. He was killed on October 15, 1918 in the Battle of the Argonne while acting as a Major and received a personal citation for bravery. He was buried in the Argonne Cemetery, but two years later his body was returned to Pratt, Kansas for burial there. The Cedric H. Shaw American Legion Post No. 86 is named in his honor.



## ROBERT ERNEST SHAW

Son of Cedric and Harriet Shaw, and known in the family as Bob, was born at Pratt, Kansas, June 27, 1916. He was two years old when his father was killed in World War I.

In 1924 his mother married Arthur C. Hobble and they made their home in Barcelona, Spain. Here Bob attended the English and Swiss Schools. Later he attended the American Boys School in St. Cloud, a suburb of Paris, France. Because of ill health he withdrew from that school and studied under a private tutor at Barcelona until he had completed the equivalent of high school prior to the senior year. He attended the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico from 1933 to 1935, graduating from the high school there in the class of 1934. He attended Oklahoma University, graduating with the degree of B.S. in Business Administration. In the university he was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity. He was employed for a time in the Stockyards Bank of Oklahoma City, and in 1939 took a position with the United Fruit Company in the Republic of Panama.

In June, 1941 he returned to the United States, and in October, 1941 was taken into the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D.C. After special training he was assigned to the San Francisco Field Division which was occupied in investigating an espionage ring of foreign nationals engaged in assembling port and shipping information and transmitting it to Japan.

In 1943 the Brazilian Government requested the United States to furnish one or two special agents of the FBI to coordinate and direct its national defense and security program within its police framework. Bob was one of two special agents chosen for this assignment and on March 21, 1943 he departed for Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he was attached to the Police Department. For the next two years he was engaged in an advisory capacity, with the law enforcement division of that city. He organized and taught classes in national defense, espionage and sabotage investigations, and was an associate lecturer at the National Police Academy at Rio de Janeiro.



In January, 1945 he was recalled to the United States for the purpose of being assigned to an espionage investigation job in Europe, but this contemplated job was abandoned and in April he was sent to Montevideo, Uruguay as assistant legal attache of the United States Embassy there.

On February 1, 1946 he resigned that position and returned to the United States. On February 7, 1946 he married Betty Jane Buck and they established their home at Pratt, Kansas. There he was occupied with real estate management until April, 1951 when he moved his residence to Arlington, Virginia and was employed in Government service in various capacities. He served as a staff member of the House Committee on Government Expenditures and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. He headed the investigative activity of the Senate Judiciary Committee and was later assigned to the General Accounting Office. He held this job, being frequently loaned to various House and Senate Committees, until he resigned in January, 1955 to accept the job of personnel director with C. J. Berst & Co. at Portage, Wisconsin.

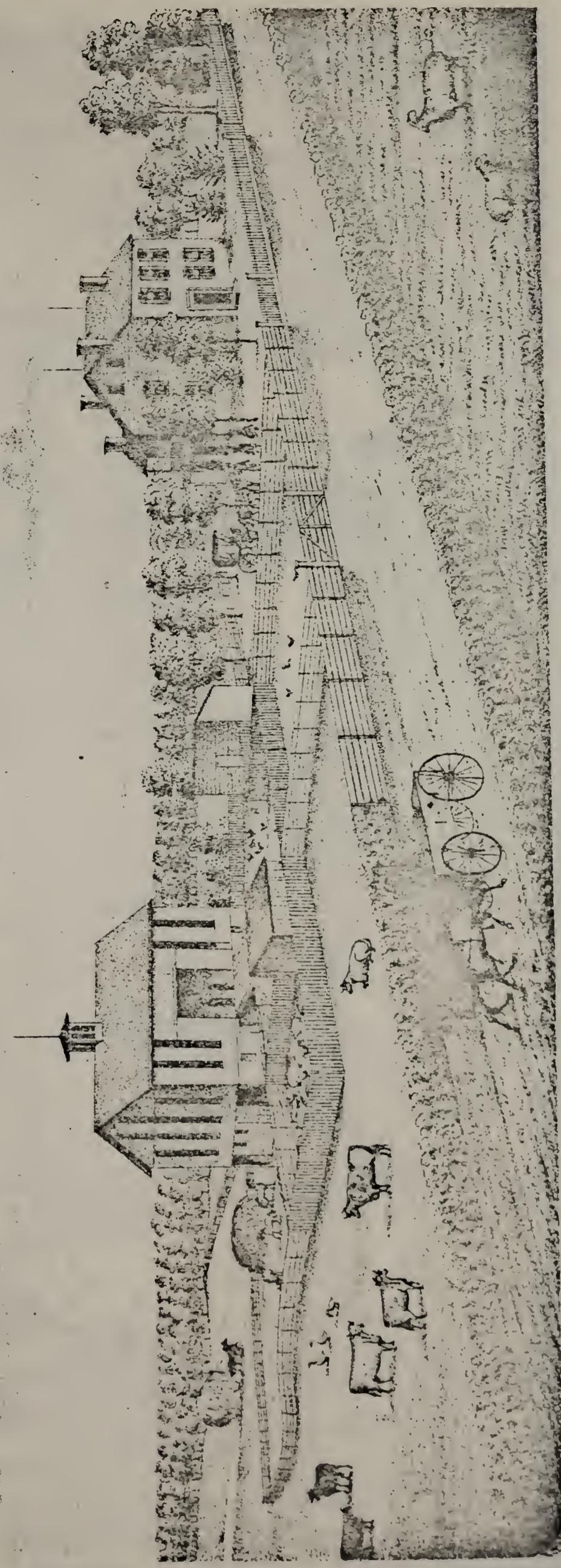
Bob is a man of pleasing personality, with a keen mind and restless energy. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church.

#### BETTY JANE (BUCK) SHAW

Wife of Robert Ernest Shaw and daughter of Dan and Charlotte (Behr) Buck, was born December 10, 1919, at McLean, Illinois. She attended the local public schools and had one year in Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and one year at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. At Illinois Wesleyan she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. For two years she was employed locally in stenographic work and then was employed as a stenographer by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In that employment she served three years in Washington, D.C., and Havana, Cuba, and then was assigned to the United States Embassy at Montevideo, Uruguay. There she met Bob, and they were married at Bloomington, Illinois, on February 7, 1946.

She is a charming person and is a marvel of skill and efficiency in housekeeping and child care. She has an opportunity for the full exercise of this talent in maintaining a lovely home and caring for four little girls. This she is doing with wonderful success.





View of the farm of JAMES HUNTER, Sec. 8 Ellington TP, 6 Miles Northeast of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois (About 1885).





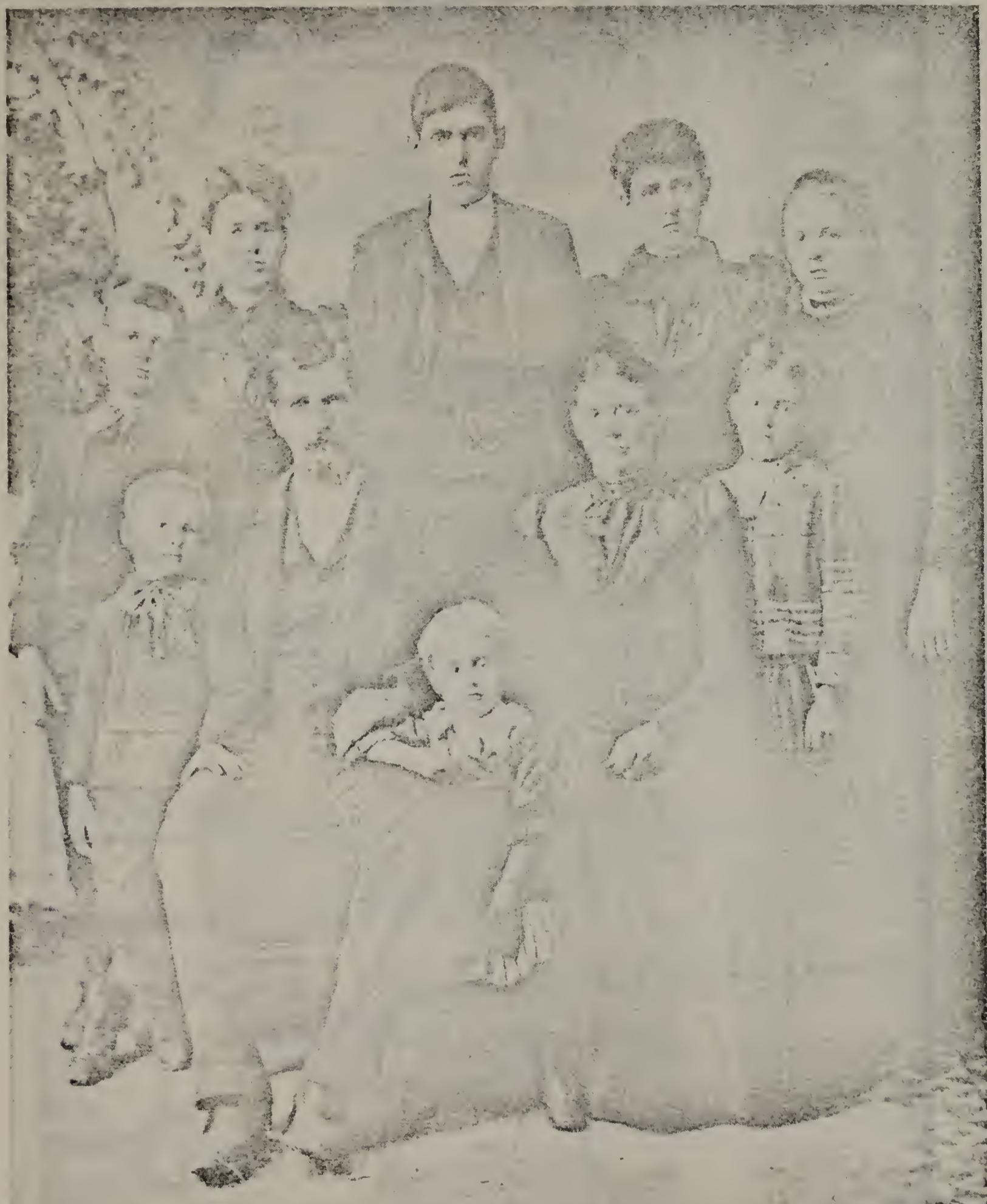
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PICTURE OF JOEL AND ANN GARNETT WITH THEIR CHILDREN — 1883.  
Left to right Seated: Sarah, Joel, Ann, Martha. Standing: Elizabeth, Willie, Reuben, James, Robert, Alvira.





WEDDING PICTURE OF ROBERT KIRTLEY AND ANNIE ELIZABETH (Hunter) GARNETT,  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1866.

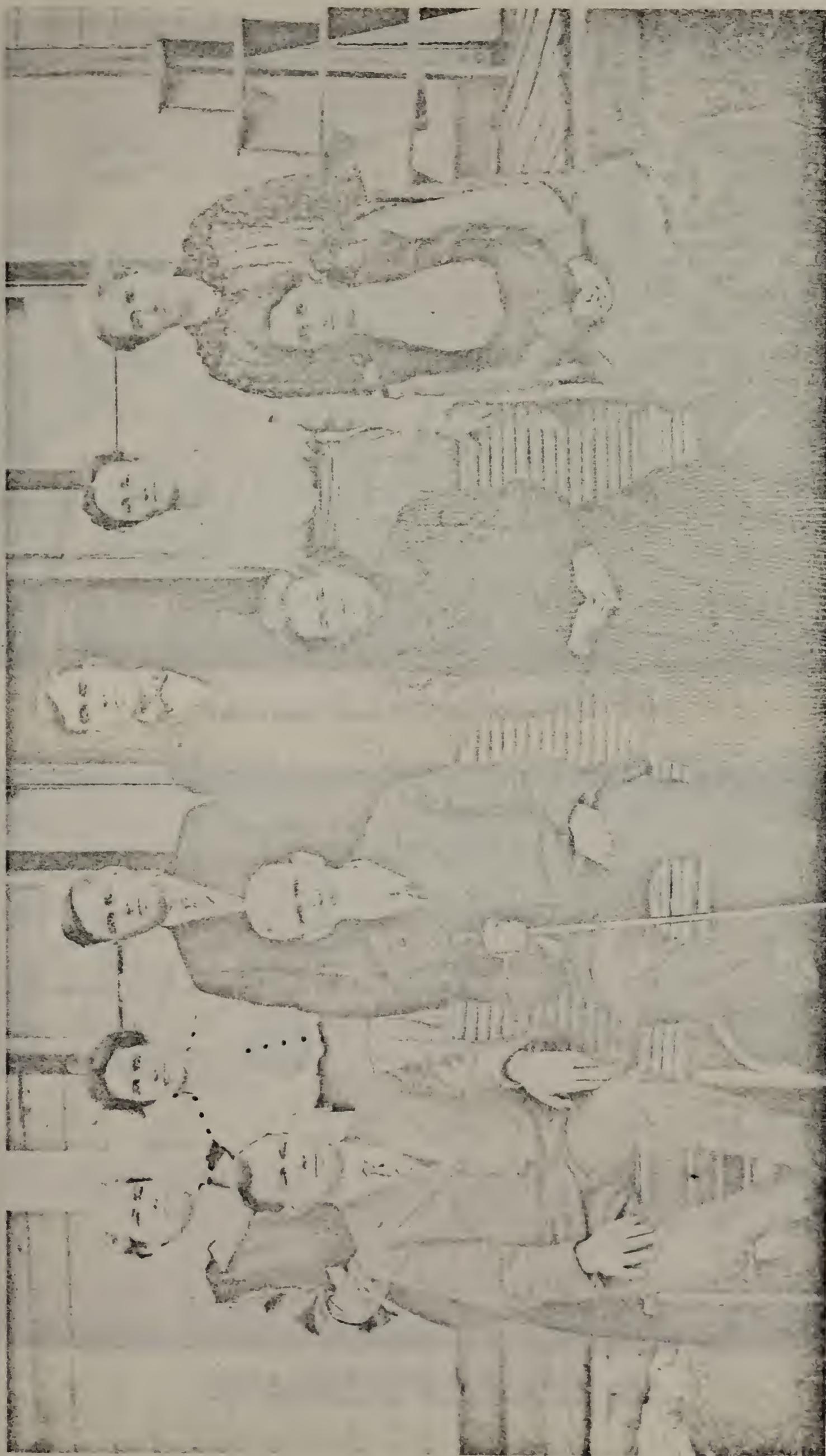




FAMILY OF ROBERT KIRTELY GARNETT — 1890.

Left to right—First row: Robert E., Robert K., Harriet, Annie, Percie. Second row—Elmer, Lou, Charles, Mamie, Grace.





GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PICTURE OF ROBERT K. AND ANNIE E. GARNETT, WITH CHILDREN — 1916.  
Left to right: Seated: Robert E., Robert K., Annie E., Harriet. Standing: Lou, Percie, Elmer, Charles, Grace, Mamie.





Left to right: Robert, Elmer and Charles Garnett — 1915.



ANNIE E. GARNETT AND HER DAUGHTERS — 1910.  
Left to right: Percie, Lou, Mother, Mamie, Grace, Harriet.





Left to right: Martha Logan Hunter, Forest Eliza Botts, Mary V. (Mamie) Garnett Botts, Annie Hunter Garnett. Four Generations. About 1897.



Forest E. Botts. About 1920.



Jay Minor Botts about 1915.



Selma L. Botts (Huey). About 1920.





FAMILY OF LOUISA O. (Garnett) BOTTS—ABOUT 1910.  
Seated: Lou. Standing, left to right, Clifford, Will, Vesper.



Vesper Botts Trodick — about 1920.



Alfred J. Trodick.





Charles Clifford Botts — 1953.



Zola Fort Botts — About 1920.



William Alfred Botts — 1954.



FAMILY OF MARY LOU (BOTTs) NELSON — 1955.  
Left to right: Gail, Irving, Mary Lou, Gwen.



Charles Clifford Botts, Jr. —  
1954.



Inset: Ermine (Williams) Garnett.

FAMILY OF CHARLES HUNTER GARNETT -- 1950.  
Left to right: Williams Kirtley (Kny), Elizabeth (Betty), Charles H., Sam.





FAMILY OF ELIZABETH GARNETT BERST — 1955.  
First row, left to right: Carl J. Berst, "Betty" Berst. Second row:  
Elizabeth (Schmitz) Hamilton, William (Bill) Hamilton, Ann  
Hamilton.

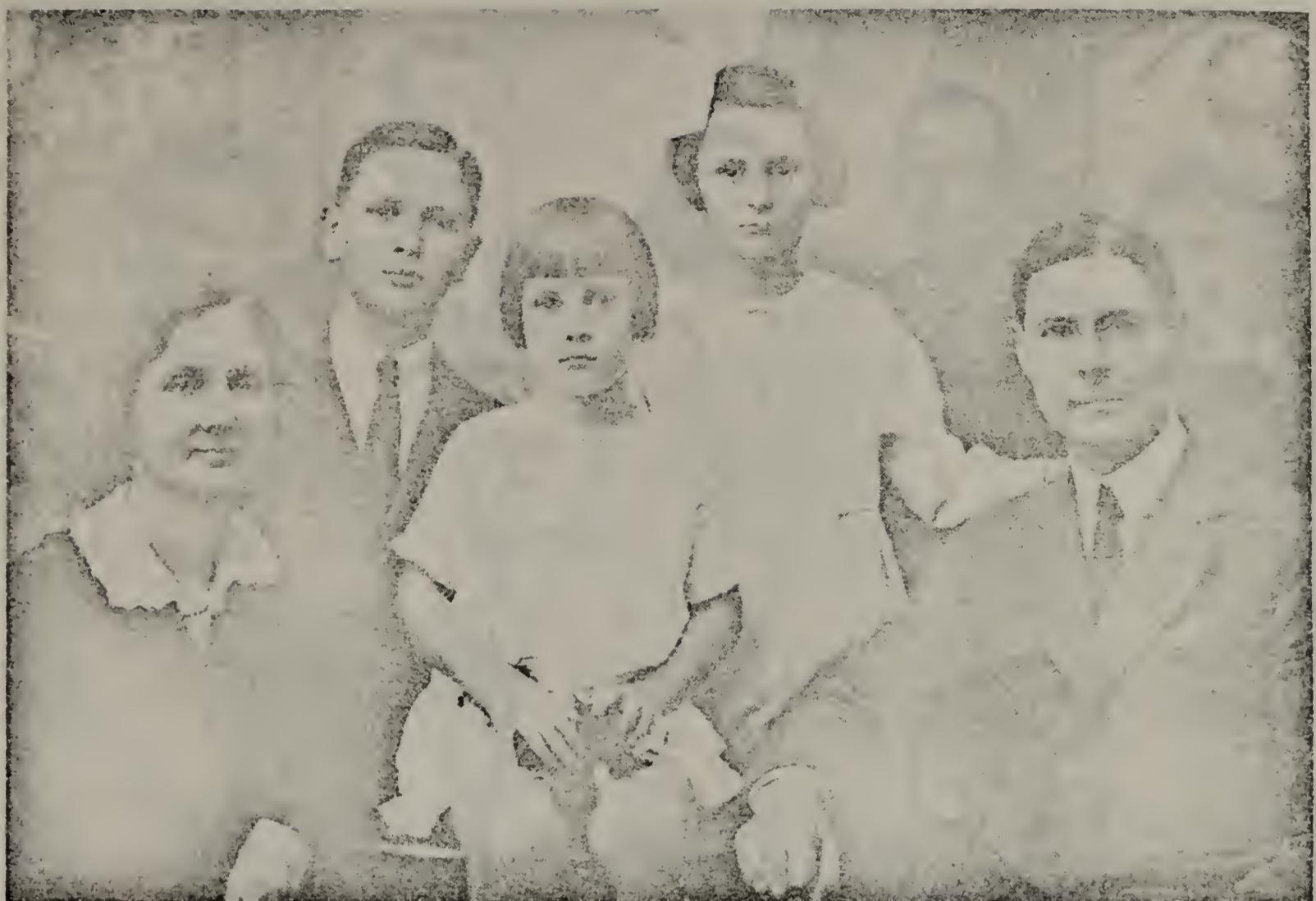


Carolyn Decker Garnett.  
Charles Hunter Garnett — 1954.



FAMILY OF WILLIAMS KIRTELY GARNETT—1955.  
Bill, Mary, Mary Kay, Charlie, Kay.





FAMILY OF GRACE ANN GARNETT HOBBLE — 1920.  
Left to right: Grace A., Harlan, Grace E., Eloise, Arthur.

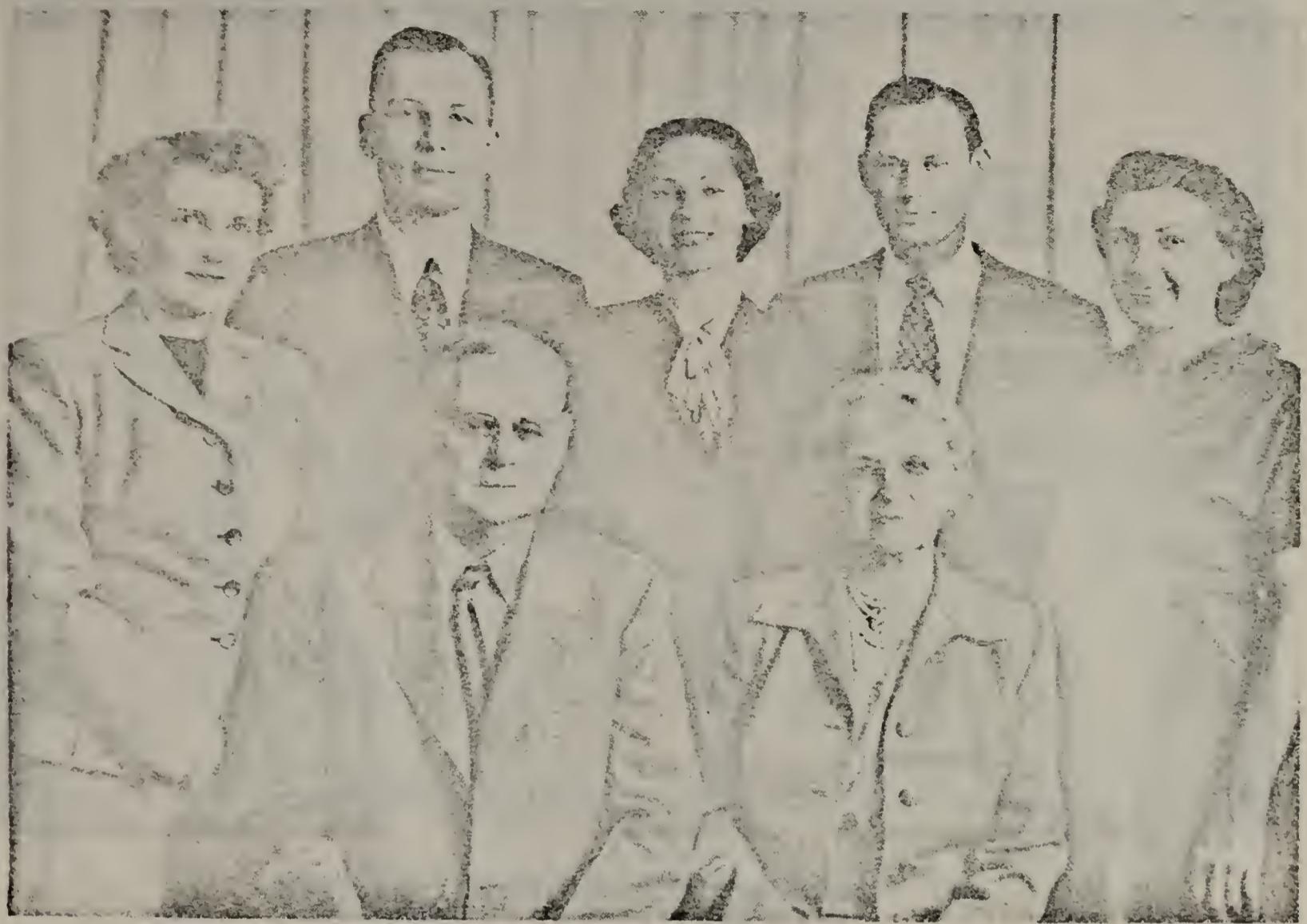


Lilian and Harlan Garnett Hobble — 1955.



Grace Elizabeth Hobble — 1955.  
Flora Eloise Hobble.



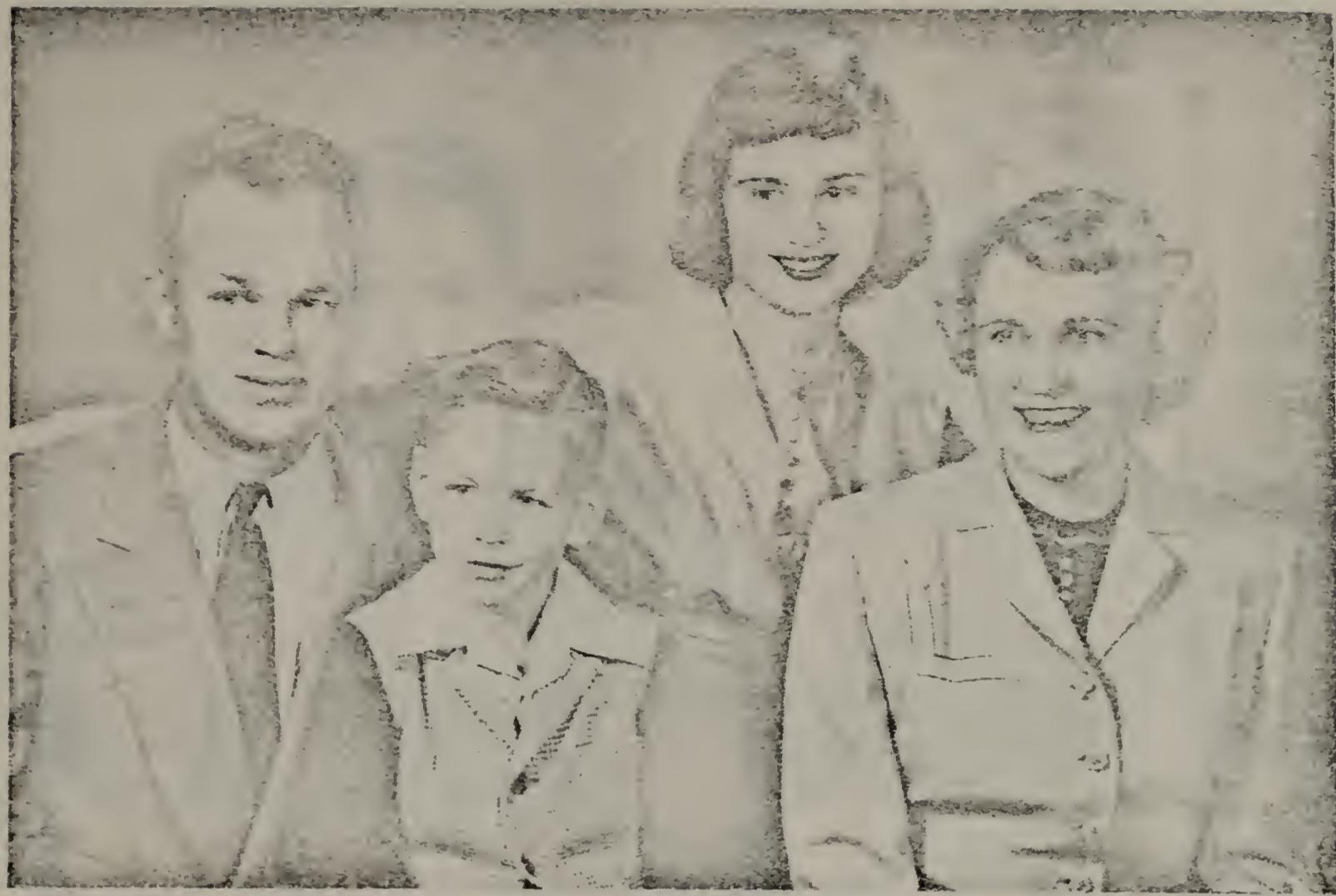


FAMILY OF ELMER LOGAN GARNETT — 1951.  
Left to right: Seated, Elmer L., Lela B. Standing, Jean, Hugh, Ruth, Logan, Marjorie.



FAMILY OF HUGH BARNARD GARNETT — 1953.  
Left to right: Hugh, Jr., Glee, Jean, Hugh.





FAMILY OF LELA JEAN GARNETT ENGLEMAN — 1952.  
Left to right: Charles, Stephen, Carol Ann, Jean.



FAMILY OF MARJORIE ANNE GARNETT McASKILL — 1952.  
Left to right: Jean, Robert, Alan, Marjorie, Mary. Standing: Ellen.





FAMILY OF RUTH ELLEN GARNETT SHARPE — 1952.  
Left to right: Jane, Louis Kerre III, Logan, Ruth, Sarah. Standing: Louis Kerre IV.



FAMILY OF ELMER LOGAN GARNETT, JR. — 1955.  
Left to right: Gay, Logan, Dorothy, Lisa, Craig.



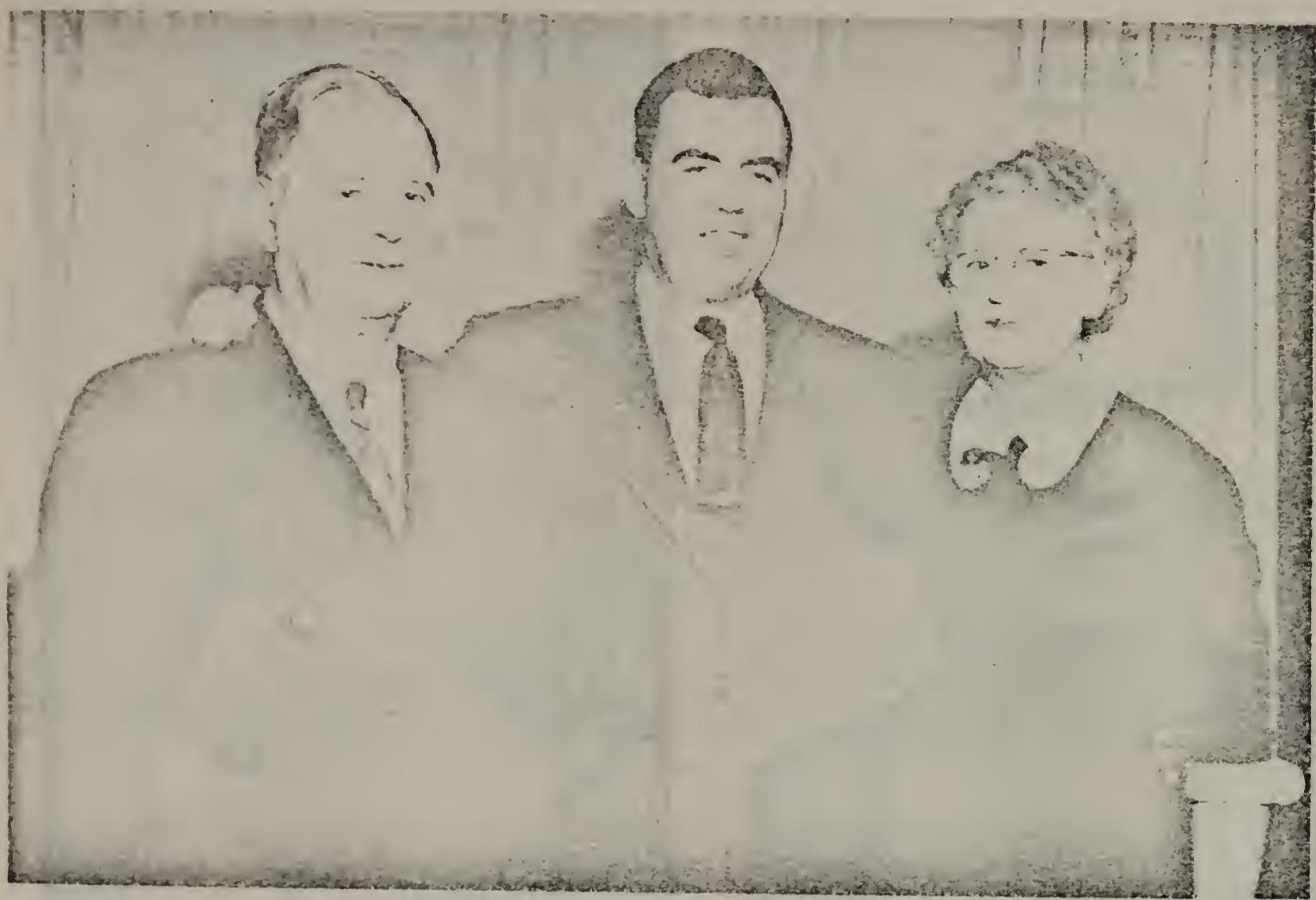


Dr. Herbert Atkins — 1913.  
Percie (Garnett) Atkins — 1905.



ROB AND HAZEL GARNETT.  
Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary — June 4, 1937.



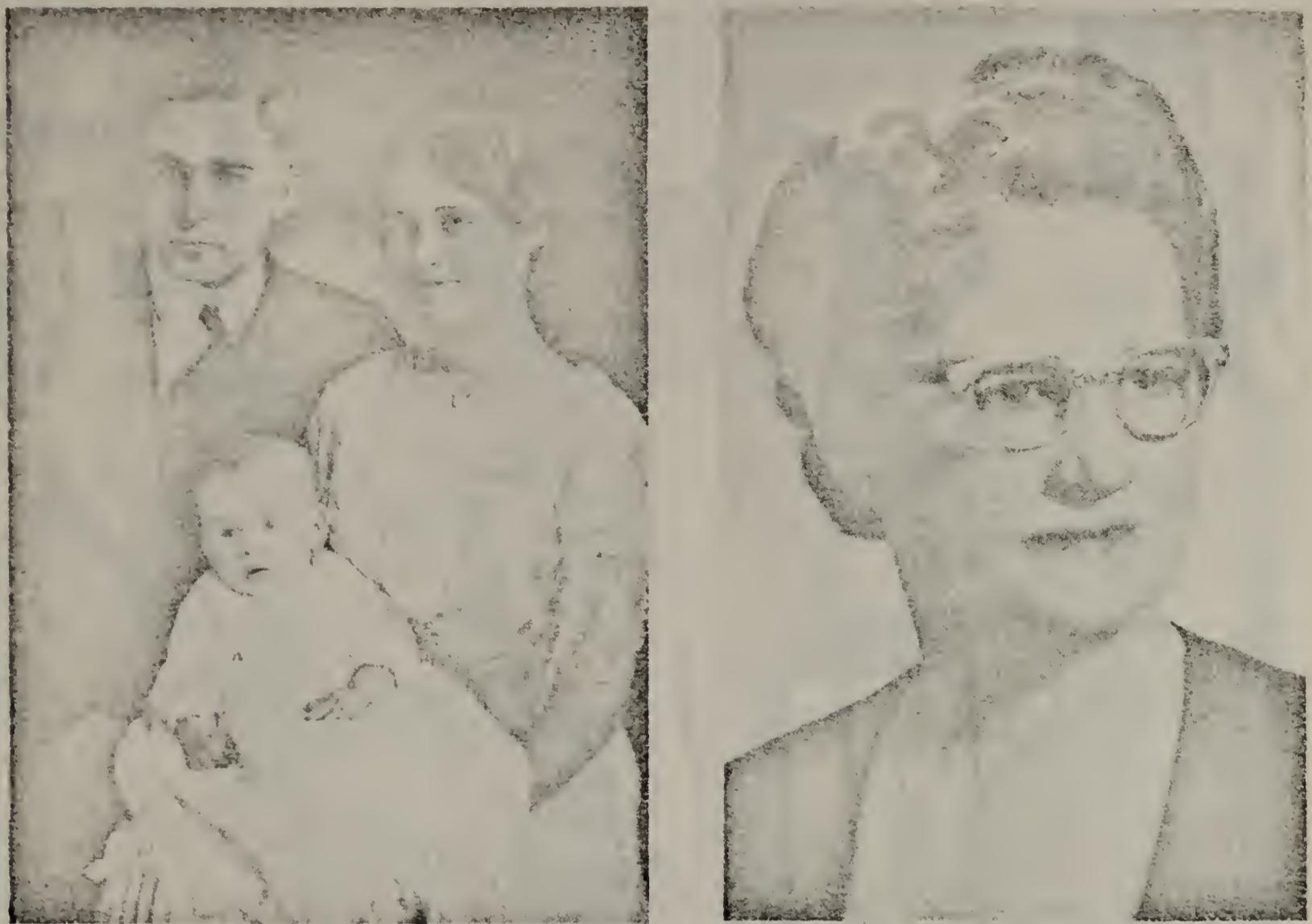


FAMILY OF ROBERT EDWARD GARNETT — 1954.  
Rob, Edward, Hazel.



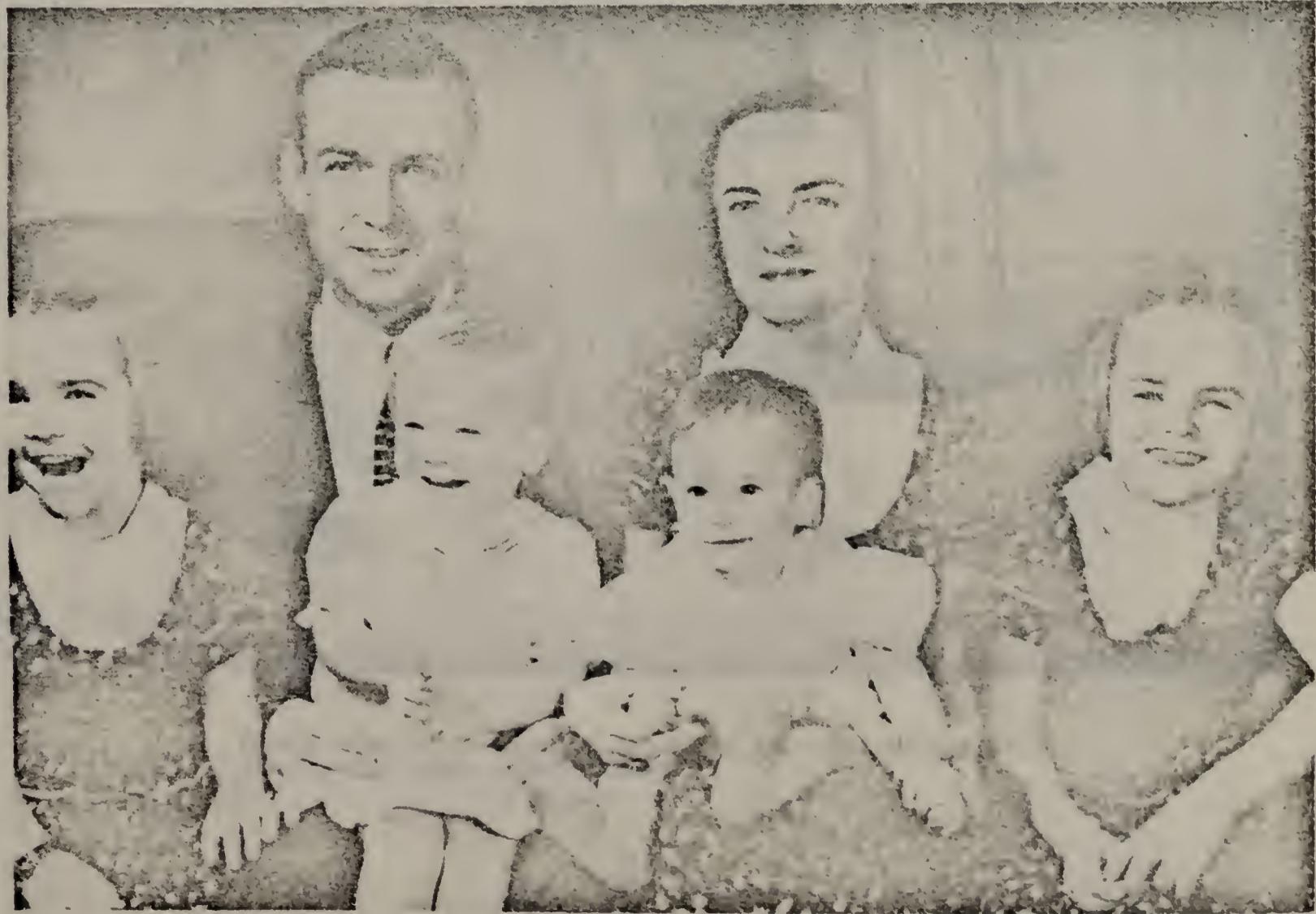
FAMILY OF EDWARD JONES GARNETT — 1955.  
First row: Edward, Mary Lisabeth, Elizabeth. Second row: Eddie, Bobby, Jimmy.





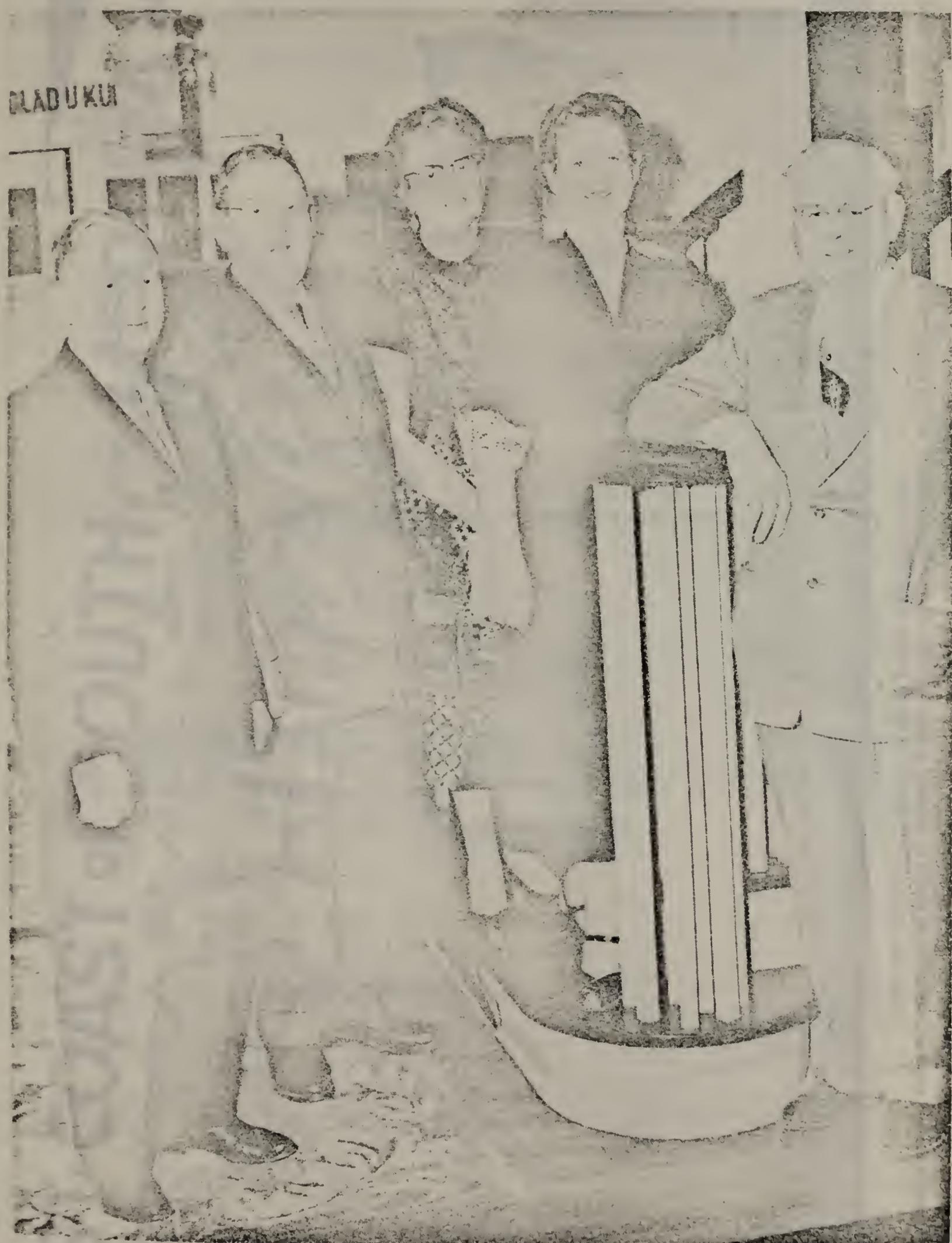
FAMILY OF HARRIET GARNETT SHAW — 1916.  
Cedric H., Harriet and Bobby.

Harriet Garnett (Shaw) Hobble—1953.



FAMILY OF ROBERT E. SHAW — 1954.  
Left to right: Back row: Bob, Betty. Front row: Jane, Marta, Betsy, Ann.





ROB'S 69TH ANNIVERSARY, MARCH 7, 1954, OKLAHOMA CITY.  
Rob, Charles, Percie, Harriet, Elmer.





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## APPENDIX

The following miscellaneous matter, which is not specifically a part of the Garnett lineage, is submitted here, because it is believed it will be of interest to some of those of the Garnett Clan.

2000-01-07 10:00:00 2000-01-07 10:00:00

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE  
OF ANTHONY GARNETT

In obedience to an order of the worshipful Court of Culpeper County, bearing date June Court 1803, we the subscribers being first duly sworn before Philip Slaughter, Just. did proceed to inventory and appraise the estate of Anthony Garnett dec'd agreeable to the said order and report. Given under our hand this 15th day of July, 1803.

## NEGROES

Rannon .....	Lb. 80.0.0	6 Sheep .....	Lb. 1.16.0
Jepo .....	100.0.0	2 Plows .....	12.0
Phebe .....	60.0.0	4 Hoes .....	8.0
Lucy .....	9.0.0	2 pr. Chains .....	6.0
Cloe—old & infirm.....	00.0.0	2 axes .....	9.0
Aaron .....	60.0.0	1 pott & oven .....	12.0
Hannah .....	40.0.0	2 tables, seven chairs .....	1.10.6
Wesley .....	30.0.0	2 feather beds .....	24.00.0
Jacob .....	25.0.0	Sundrys .....	3.0
Linday .....	35.0.0	2 pr. iron dogs .....	1.00.0
2 Horses.....	20.0.0	2 chests .....	16.0
9 Cattle .....	13.5.0		*Lb. 512.13.6
13 Hogs .....	8.16.0		

W. Dade

Lovel H. Dogun

Peter Hambrough

At a court held for Culpeper County the 18th day of July 1803.

This Inventory of the Estate of Anthony Garnett deceased was returned into Court and Ordered to be Recorded.

Test. John Jameson, Clk.

\*Note that English money denominations were still in use.



## GARNETT FAMILY DATA

by *Ermine Williams Garnett*

The old Garnett homestead sold in St. Marys, Illinois, December 15, 1933 after having been in possession of Garnetts for nearly a century. (It was sold to Harriet (Garnett) and Arthur Hobble, who later sold it to Mary V. (Garnett) Botts who in turn sold it to Harold S. Huey). These records were in the personal effects of Alvira Catherine Garnett, who died June 27, 1933, at the age of 91 years and eleven months. These records may be compared with the facts and names, etc. in the Graves genealogy.

### BIRTHS

John Graves, Born Dec. 19, 1737. Son of John and Susanna (Dickens) Graves.

Ann Rice, Born Nov. 21, 1741. Daughter of William and Sara (Nelms) Rice.

Sarah Graves, Born Sept. 6, 1761. Daughter of John and Ann Graves.

William Graves, Born June 10, 1763. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Susanna Graves, Born Dec. 30, 1764, Daughter of John and Ann Graves.

John Graves, Born Jan. 19, 1767. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Absalom Graves, Born Nov. 28, 1768. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Ann Graves, Born Jan. 15, 1771. Daughter of John and Ann Graves.

Joseph Graves, Born June 20, 1773, Son of John and Ann Graves.

James Graves, Born March 1, 1776. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Edward Graves, Born Oct. 10, 1778. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Stephen Graves, Born June 19, 1781. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Jeremiah Graves, Born April 10, 1784. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Reuben Graves, Born May 18, 1786. Son of John and Ann Graves.

Above is the whole family of John and Ann Graves, Reuben Graves is the progenitor of the branch we follow into the Garnett Family.

### BIRTHS (Continued)

Elizabeth Willis, Born Aug. 13, 1788. Daughter of William and Elizabeth Willis.



William Willis Graves, Born May 18, 1810. Son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

Benjamin Garnett Graves, Born May 27, 1812. Son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

Joseph Addison Graves, Born Feb. 23, 1815. Son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

Ann Eliza Graves, Born Oct. 16, 1817. Daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

John James Graves, Born Oct. 18, 1819. Son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

Elizabeth Ann Graves, Born Dec. 18, 1822. Daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

Edward Dicken Graves, Born Feb. 12, 1825. Son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

Mary Graves, Born April 16, 1827. Daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

Isaac Newton Graves, Born Aug. 8, 1830. Son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Willis) Graves.

#### MARRIAGES

John Graves, son of John and Susanna Graves to Ann Rice, dau. of William and Sarah Rice, married Nov. 30, 1760.

William Willis, son of John and Elizabeth Willis, to Elizabeth Garnett, married Nov. 25, 1760.

Reuben Graves, son of John and Ann Graves, to Elizabeth Willis, dau. of William and Elizabeth Willis, Jan. 7, 1808.

Benjamin Garnett Graves, son of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves, to Sarah Frances Ingram, dau. of James and Polly Ingram, Dec. 27, 1832.

Joseph Addison Graves, son of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves, to Cornelia Agnes Graves, dau. of Absalom and Elizabeth Graves, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1833.

Ann Eliza Graves, dau. of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves to Joel Graves Garnett, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1833.



William Willis Graves, son of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves to Ann G. Garnett, dau. of William and Mary Garnett, Aug. 11, 1836.

Sarah Susan Graves, dau. of Reuben and Lucinda Graves to Taylor Scott, son of Moses and Harriet Scott, Aug. 18, 1870.

#### DEATHS

William Graves, son of John and Ann Graves, died Aug. 17, 1808, Age 45 years.

Stephen Graves, son of John and Ann Graves, died Sept. 11, 1818, Age 37 years.

John Graves, son of John and Ann Graves, died Aug. 13, 1824, Age 57 years.

Sarah Graves, wife of Edmund Garnett and dau. of John and Ann Graves, died Sept. 15, 1824, Age 63 years.

John Graves, son of John and Susanna Graves, died Dec. 8, 1825, Age 88 years.

Absalom Graves, son of John and Ann Graves, died Aug. 17, 1826, Age 57 years.

Ann Graves, dau. of William and Sarah Rice, died November 12, 1826, Age 85 years.

William Willis, son of John and Elizabeth Willis, died May 21, 1833, Age 90 years.

Elizabeth Willis, dau. of Anthony and Elizabeth Garnett, died Jan. 4, 1835, Age 90 years.

Elizabeth Ann Graves, dau. of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves, died July 23, 1824.

Elizabeth Willis Graves, dau. of William and Elizabeth Willis, died Aug. 29, 1840.

Reuben Graves, son of John and Ann Graves, died July 24, 1872.

Benjamin Garnett Graves, son of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves, died Sept. 1, 1846.

Mary Elizabeth Graves, dau. of William and Ann Graves, died Jan 4, 1847.

Ann Garnett Graves, dau. of William and Mary Garnett, died Sept. 26, 1847.



Martha Ann Graves, dau. of William W. and Ann G. Graves, died Dec. 13, 1847.

William Sydnor Graves, died March 17, 1862.

Joseph Addison Graves, son of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves died June 18, 1869.

Cornelia A. Graves, dau. of Absalom and Elizabeth Graves, died (no date).

Edward D. Graves, son of Reuben and Elizabeth Graves, died Nov. 11, 1879.

*Reference: A verified copy of the true copy of this Graves Bible record is in the D.A.R. Library and the Congressional Library, Washington, D.C.*



## GARNETT WILLS

WILL OF OUR GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER  
EDMUND GARNETT

In the name of God Amen. I, Edmund Garnett of the County of Boone and State of Kentucky, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but knowing the uncertainty of life, desire to dispose of such estate with which it has been pleased God to bless me, do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following (to wit.) First. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Secondly. I give and bequeath to my son John Milton Garnett all that part of the tract of land, with the appurtenances thereto belonging whereon I now live, lying and being on the north side of the road leading from Bullittsburgh meeting house to the Ohio River at North Bend to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny James all that tract of land I purchased of John Morris lying in the county of Boone and State afsc. on the waters of Garrison Run containing about one hundred and seventeen acres to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Fourthly. My will and desire is that the balance of the tract of land whereon I now live as lying on the south side of the road as named aforesaid in the 2nd. item of this will including the tract I purchased of Thomas Whitaker be sold by my Executors (hereafter to be named) at a reasonable credit and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided amongst my children as follows, Joel Garnett, James Garnett, Elizabeth Garnett, Polly Ingraham, Susanna Garnett, Fanny James, John Milton Garnett, and my Grand daughter Elizabeth Willis to them and their heirs forever.

Fifthly. My will and desire is that all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and household and kitchen furniture, farming tools and all other property of every description belonging to my estate (not otherwise here devised), shall be sold to the highest bidder at a reasonable credit and the money arising from such sale to be divided amongst my children as before named. Sixthly. My will is that my executors shall expose to sale as afsc. at a reasonable credit all of my slaves amongst my legatees (as I do not wish them sold out of the family) and the money arising therefrom to be divided as afsc.



Seventhly. My will and desire is that should any of my children as named as afsc. die without issue or offspring lawfully begotten of their body then and in that case I will the estate bequeathed them by this will to revert back as part of my estate to be equally divided amongst the residue of my children as aforesaid.

Whereas I have a book wherein I have charged each one my children with the price I have put on such property as I have let them have in advance in order to enable me to give them as near equal as possible. Therefore I wish my Executors in making distribution of my estate amongst my legatees to make all equal (before any other distribution is made) agreeable as they in said book shall stand charged.

Ninthly. My wish is that such of my estate as will fall to my Grand daughter Elizabeth Willis, my Executor shall retain in their own hands until she should marry or become of age.

Tenthly. I do hereby appoint my son Joel Garnett and my son in law William Garnett Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of October 1824.

Edmund Garnett (SEAL)

Signed and sealed and acknowledged in presence of  
Joseph Graves  
James Graves  
Edw. C. Graves

BOONE COUNTY COURT,  
December Term, 1826

This last will and testament of Edmund Garnett Deceased was produced in Court examined and proven by the oaths of James Graves and Edw. C. Graves, two subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Att.: Willis Graves Clk.



WILL OF OUR GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER  
ROBERT GARNETT

I, Robert Garnett of Madison County Virginia do hereby publish and declare the following as and for my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me, viz:

1st. I give to my beloved wife Rhoda Garnett in fee simple two thousand dollars.

2nd. I give to my grandson Robert E. Garnett one negro man Dangerfield now in his possession, and one bond for seven hundred & eleven dollars which I hold against him, to him and his heirs forever.

3rd. All the rest of my estate real and personal I lend to my beloved wife Rhoda during life.

4th. At the death of my said wife, I give and bequeath to my grandson Robert C. Garnett, in fee simple, all of the property, real and personal, which I have hereinbefore lent to my beloved wife, with the understanding that he is not to claim the same until after her death; and subject to the payment of the following sums of money by him, one half to be paid at the death of my said wife, and the remaining half, five years thereafter, without interest, viz: To each of the children of my son William Garnett dec'd four hundred dollars; to Mary E. Conn sister of said Robert C. Garnett four hundred dollars; to each of the children of my son Wesley Garnett dec'd four hundred dollars; and to each one of the children of my daughter Catharine Stonsiffer dec'd four hundred dollars; to them and their heirs forever.

I am aware that some of my grandchildren are dead leaving children and there may be others of them dead leaving children, of whose death I am not aware; in either of such cases, it is my wish that the child or children (and their heirs) of such deceased grandchild, shall receive the sum of four hundred dollars payable as above named, which the parent of such child or children (if alive) would receive from Robert C. Garnett under this will.

5th. It is my request that my Executors hereinafter named assist my beloved wife in managing the estate during her life if she shall require it.

6th. I wish those indebted to me at my death, to have two years after my death to make payment of the amounts they owe, provided they



secure the payment thereof.

7th. I hereby nominate my grandsons Robert C. Garnett and Robert E. Garnett Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of August 1854.

Robert Garnett (Seal)

Signed, sealed, acknowledged published and declared by Robert Garnett as his last will and testament in our presence, who attested the same at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Acrey Berrey

George M. Bohannon

A. R. Blakey

At a Court held for Madison County the 26th day of October, 1854. The last Will and testament of Robert Garnett deceased was proved by the oaths of Acrey Berrey and Angus R. Blakey witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste:

Belfield Cave, Cl'k



WILL OF OUR GREAT GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM GARNETT  
I, William Garnett of the County of Boone and State of Kentucky being  
weak and low in health but of sound mind, do hereby make this my  
last will and testament as follows (viz.)

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Garnett a third of the  
farm and tract of land on which I now reside with the appurtenances,  
and also one third of the Porter farm (so called) to be enjoyed by her  
during her natural life, also my negro slaves Levi, Louisa, Frances, Ann,  
Mary, Joe, and Margaret, and also such articles of the household furniture,  
horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and farming implements as she may wish to  
retain, also the crops of corn, hay, oats, and fodder grown on my farms  
this year.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son Benjamin F. Garnett the farm on which  
he now resides on the Ohio River with the appurtenances.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son Robert E. Garnett one hundred acres  
of land, being the upper half of my farm on the Ohio River purchased by me  
from my brother Jeremiah Garnett also one half of a tract containing about  
one hundred acres, also purchased from Jeremiah Garnett lying back of  
the two hundred acre tract above mentioned.

Item. I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann Ingram the lower  
half of the above mentioned tract of two hundred acres, of land on the  
Ohio River, and also one half of the one hundred acres the most of which  
I have bequeathed above to my son Robert, on condition however, that  
her husband William W. Ingram shall give his bond and obligation to  
my Executors to pay them within three years the sum of Eighteen hundred  
dollars, the said Ingram having already received a part of my daughter  
Sarah Ann Ingram's share of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Ellen Garnett a half  
of my Porter farm subject to the life interest in one third of the same  
bequeathed to my wife.

Item. I will and bequeath to my daughter Louisa Agnes Garnett the  
remaining half of said "Porter" farm subject to the life interest bequeathed  
to my wife.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son James Milton Garnett a half of the  
tract of land on which I now reside being the residue of my land not



included in the before mentioned bequests subject to the life interest to my wife above mentioned.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son William Henry Garnett the remaining half of the tract of land on which I now reside with the appurtenances, subject to the life interest before mentioned.

Item. I will and bequeath to the Trustees of the Baptist Church of Middle Creek four acres of land near the meeting house in Trust to be used by said Church as a burying ground and I direct and enjoin my Executors to lay off and convey the same by deed for the above purpose.

Item. I direct my Executors to sell the residue of my personal estate not hereby bequeathed and to collect all accounts, notes, bonds and mortgages, now due me and to pay over the same in equal proportions to my son Joel G. Garnett and my daughters Elvira M. Huey, Elizabeth S. Brady, and Amanda F. Clarkson.

Item. I hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth Garnett and my son Benjamin F. Garnett Executors of this my last will and testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelvth day of November in year of Our Lord 1844.

William Garnett (SEAL)

Signed and sealed and delivered in presence of

Jas. Dinsmore

R. C. Garnett

STATE OF KENTUCKY, BOONE COUNTY COURT.

February Term 1845

The last will and testament of William Garnett deceased was exhibited in Court by the Executors and proven according to law by the oath of R. C. Garnett one of the subscribing witnesses thereto according to law and it is also proven by the oath of said Garnett that James Dinsmore the other subscribing witness thereto did sign the same as witness at the request and in the presence of said dec'd and also in the presence of witness R. C. Garnett, and thereupon the same is ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of said decedent.

Att.: J. G. Hamilton, Clk.



WILL OF OUR GRANDFATHER, JOEL G. GARNETT  
The Last Will and Testament

Of Joel G. Garnett of the Town of St. Marys in the County of Hancock and State of Illinois made and published the 25th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

In the Name of God, Amen, I, Joel G. Garnett of the Town of St. Marys in the County of Hancock and State of Illinois at the age of seventy eight years, and being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this my LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT in manner following, that is to say:

FIRST—It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid.

SECOND—I give and devise to my two sons R. K. Garnett and James E. Garnett in trust, for the use and benefit of my second daughter, Alvira C. Garnett whose mind and memory is unsound, all that tract or parcel of land situated and located in the North East corner of the South East quarter of Section Eleven (11) beginning at the North East corner of said South East quarter of said Section Eleven (11) and running South eighty (80) rods thence West to the East line of the Village of St. Marys thence North to the half section line thence East to place of beginning; also Block twenty three (23) Block twenty four (24) Block thirteen (13) Block fourteen (14) Block fifteen (15), and Lots one (1) and two (2), five (5) and six (6), seven (7) and eight (8) in Block twenty two (22) in the Village of St. Marys. All in Township four (4) North of Range five (5) west of the fourth principal meridian in the County of Hancock and State of Illinois, the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any-wise appertaining, to have and to hold the premises above described to the said R. K. Garnett and James E. Garnett in trust for my said daughter Alvira C. Garnett during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between my remaining six children, share and share alike to wit—Mary E. Willis; W. R. Garnett; R. K. Garnett; James E. Garnett; Martha O. Walton; and Willie H. Garnett and their children forever.

THIRD—I give and devise to each of my said sons after my decease



their notes for five hundred dollars which I now hold against them, also one note for five hundred dollars which I now hold against my daughter Martha O. Walton shall be deemed canceled after my decease. I have given to my oldest daughter Mary E. Willis real estate located in said Hancock County of the value of one thousand dollars as a share or part of share as shall be just and equitable between my six living children to wit Mary E. Willis, W. R. Garnett, R. K. Garnett, James E. Garnett, Martha O. Walton and Willie H. Garnett.

FOURTH—I give and devise to my youngest son Willie H. Garnett one hundred and thirty one dollars to be paid out of my personal property after my decease; also I give and devise to my son R. K. Garnett my gold rim specks and my gold headed cane.

FIFTH—It is my will and wish that after my decease and a reasonable time has elapsed that my Executors get my personal property together and sell the same at either public or private sale at such time and place and upon such terms and in such manner as to them shall seem meet, and that after my just debts are paid whatever shall be left shall be equally divided between my seven children to wit Mary E. Willis, W. R. Garnett, R. K. Garnett, James E. Garnett, Alvira C. Garnett, Martha O. Walton, and Willie H. Garnett or their children forever.

LASTLY—I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons R. K. Garnett and James E. Garnett without bonds to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 25th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

Joel G. Garnett (Seal)

The above Instrument, consisting of two sheets, was now here subscribed by Joel G. Garnett the Testate, in the presence of each of us; and was at the same time declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament, and we, at his request, sign our names hereto in his presence, as attesting witnesses

J. B. Jackson of St. Marys

D. A. Ellis of St. Marys

W. W. Williams of St. Marys



## HISTORY OF CULPEPER COUNTY

"In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, seventy miles south of the Nation's Capital and about twenty miles from the entrance to the Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park, lies historic Culpeper County. \* \* \* Rich in the tradition of the old Southland, Culpeper, like a number of other Virginia counties, was named in honor of an English nobleman, Lord Thomas Culpeper (formerly spelled Culpepper and Colepeper), Colonial Governor of Virginia from 1680 to 1683, who inherited his rights from his father, Lord John Culpeper. Lord Culpeper's rich Virginia domain, comprising at that time all of the Northern Neck territory, was inherited by his daughter, Catherine, who married Lord Thomas Fairfax; and their son, the sixth Lord Fairfax, inherited the property in turn.

"Culpeper County began its career on historical ground, its original territory embracing what is now Culpeper, Madison, and Rappahannock counties being the subject of a protracted controversy, in the courts of England and the Colony, involving the title to several million acres of land.

"In 1720 Spotsylvania County was taken from Essex, King and Queen, and King William Counties. In 1734 Orange was formed from Spotsylvania; in 1749 Culpeper from Orange; in 1792 Madison from Culpeper; and in 1831 Rappahannock was taken from Culpeper County.

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"Little is known of Culpeper prior to its establishment except that it was included in old St. Mark's Parish in 1730. In 1714 Governor Alexander Spotswood's town of Germanna, situated on a 400-acre peninsula in the horseshoe bend of the Rapidan River, was settled by a score of German families imported by Governor Spotswood to work in his iron foundry. Although the site of this early community is now in Orange County, just across the line from Culpeper, its inhabitants and history are closely aligned with Culpeper. From these Germanna Germans many of the families of Culpeper descend. Germanna is now utterly abandoned, the name being preserved by Germanna Ford and Germanna Bridge on the Rapidan River between Culpeper and Fredericksburg.



"Though the county was separated and detached from Orange in 1748, it was not until 1749 that the first county court convened.

"Culpeper was formed from Orange by an Act of the House of Burgesses, effective May 17, 1749, and in July of that same year George Washington, Gent., then only 17 years of age, was commissioned County Surveyor by William and Mary College.

"Roger Dixon was the first clerk of the court, serving in that capacity for 23 years. From that date to the present (with the exception of several deed and minute books which were destroyed during the Civil War) the records of the county are complete.

"The town of Culpeper was laid out on twenty-seven acres of the land of Robert Coleman, composing ten blocks (forty lots of one-half acre each). The original trustees were: Philip Slaughter, William Green, Nathaniel Pendleton, and William Williams.

"The present town of Culpeper, then known as Fairfax, was a village for some years before the county of Culpeper was established. The town continued to be known as Fairfax after its establishment in 1759; some years afterwards was known as Culpeper Courthouse; and finally, by an act of the General Assembly was changed to Town of Culpeper in 1870."

*Reference: The foregoing is taken from the Official Program of the Culpeper Bicentennial, 1749-1949, pp. 17-19.*

## GARNETT ANCESTRAL HOMES THE HORSESHOE

The Horseshoe gets its name from its shape, which is formed by the Robinson and Rapidan Rivers into a horseshoe. It is part of the large grant by the English Crown to Governor Alexander Spotswood and here Governor Spotswood camped when he took his Knights of the Golden Horseshoe over the mountains.

Since there has been a question as to whether the Horseshoe was the home of Anthony Garnett, the following deeds and reference are submitted as proof.



In Deed Book No. 5, page 57, Orange County, there appears a deed by Butler Spotswood, et al., Executors of the will of Alexander Spotswood of Orange County, Parish of St. Mark, "to have and to hold said lands unto Anthony Garnett and his assigns for and during his natural life and the natural lives of Robert Garnett and Thomas Garnett (his sons) and for and during the natural lives of the longest liver of them." Dated December 20, 1741.

In Deed Book E, page 262, Culpeper County, there appears a deed by Bernard Moore of County of King William, acting Executor of the will of John Spotswood, and guardian of his son, Alexander Spotswood, to Anthony Garnett, of Culpeper County, conveying 212 acres of entailed land of estate of Maj. Gen. Alexander Spotswood, pursuant to act of Assembly permitting sale of entailed lands. Dated April 13, 1767. Included in this land was the land in which Anthony Garnett, by a previous deed, obtained a life estate for himself, and his sons, Robert and Thomas.

In Deed Book F, page 361, Culpeper County, there appears a deed by Alexander Spotswood and John Spotswood, sons and heirs of John Spotswood, deceased, of Spotsylvania County, to Anthony Garnett of Culpeper County, conveying 700 acres of land belonging to the estate of Alexander Spotswood, deceased. Dated 1771.

Deed Book R, page 566, Jan. 13, 1794, from Anthony Garnett to Robert Garnett, Sr. containing 212 acres "upon which the grantor now lives".

Deed Book RR, page 300, Sept. 2, 1824, from Robert Garnett, Sr. of Culpeper to Isaac Willis of Culpeper for \$3,510.00, 3 tracts on one of which tracts the said Robert Garnett lives containing 212 acres, and one other tract containing 100 acres which was conveyed to Robert Garnett by John Waugh in 1793, and one tract containing 40 acres.

Deed Book No. 2, page 2, Sept. 8, 1834, from Isaac Willis and wife to George Morton of Orange, for \$5,159.00, conveying 3 tracts in Culpeper County containing 212 acres, 100 acres and 40 acres, being the same 3 tracts purchased by Isaac Willis from Robert Garnett, Sr.; by deed dated Sept. 22, 1824, of record in Culpeper.

Deed Book No. 6, page 85, Aug. 5, 1842 from George and Elizabeth S. Morton of Orange to Chas. P. Moncure of Richmond, for \$18,000.00,



a tract of land called "The Horseshoe" and containing 461 acres of cleared land, a part of which 461 acres was devised by the will of William Morton, deceased, of record in the Superior Court of Orange, to George Morton, and the remainder of the land was conveyed by Isaac Willis and wife to the said George Morton by deed recorded in Culpeper.

George Morton sold the Horseshoe to Charles P. Moncure who in 1859 built the white columned house that stands today.

In 1912 the Horseshoe was purchased by Richard M. Brady, Jr. from Col. Joseph Wilmer. In 1934 it was purchased and held by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Secretary of State under Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt, until his death. Since which time it has had various owners.

#### Reference:

"Anthony Garnett was a vestryman, churchwarden and lay reader of St. Mark's Parish from 1758. He lived at the Horse Shoe, where Joseph Wilmer, Jr. now resides." Dr. Philip Slaughter's "History of St. Mark's Parish", p. 135, published in 1877.

The above deeds and reference show conclusively that the lands deeded to Anthony Garnett by the Spotswood heirs included the Horseshoe and that it was his home.

Located about 12 miles south of Culpeper on the east side of the road from Locust Dale to Rapidan, the Horseshoe is one of the most beautiful old southern homes in Virginia. Erected in 1859 by Charles P. Moncure on the site of the original house, it commands a magnificent view across meadows to the wooded hills beyond. Built in classical Georgian style, the formal entrance fronts on a circular drive and on either side are two-story white columned porches so typical of the Old South. One side looks out over the lovely valley, the other leads to the formal gardens enclosed by high boxwood hedges. The library is built on the foundation of the original house.

According to tradition, Anthony Garnett was buried in the family cemetery here, but since there is no headstone to mark his grave, it is impossible to verify this.



## QUIET SHADE

"Date. About 1771.

Owners: Alexander Spotswood, will made 1740.

John Spotswood, entailed to John from Alexander.

John Spotswood, Jr. devised to him by John.

Anthony Garnett, 1771 to 1794.

Reuben Garnett, 1794 to 1839.

Tabitha Garnett, 1839 to 1880.

Tabitha A. Garnett, 1880 to 1900.

John M. Garnett, 1900 to 1949.

"Description: This is one of the few very old houses which is and always has been in good repair. It is situated in a shady grove as the name shows and is very restful looking. It is a two-story frame structure built in the shape of an "L". The old shingle roof has been replaced by metal. On each gable end there is a sturdy chimney, two of which are brick and one of stone. The exterior is covered with heart pine weather-boarding, which is about seven inches wide and cut in the shape of a wedge. Some of the windows have been changed, but the old ones have 12 panes of 12 by 18 inch glass. The front porch is one story with square pillars, rather small, and is about 25 feet long.

"Inside the house has been remodeled to some extent. Here we find large rooms, each of which has its old Holy Cross door and Choir molding. The floor boards are all about seven inches wide and are original. Some of the rooms still have their fire-places.

"Historical Significance: The land upon which this house stands was part of the 40,000 acre tract which belonged to Alexander Spotswood. He entailed it to his son, John Spotswood. John Spotswood, Sr. willed it to his son, John. John Spotswood, Jr. in order to pay his sisters, Ann Catherine and Dorothea, sold this part of the tract to Anthony Garnett. This was in 1771 and the house was built soon after that time. Since then the house and land about it has always been owned and lived in by Garnetts. The present owner, however, broke the entail. When his aunt, Tabitha, asked him to come here and live with her and look after the place saying she would will him the property, he did so with the express understanding that he should do as he pleased with it. He has added to the amount of the



land given him by his aunt until he owns about 900 acres.

"When Anthony Garnett died he owned all the land between the Rappahannock River and Crooked Run, but this was divided between several children so that the home place was not so large. It is said that before he died his brothers, who lived in Kentucky, would ride all the way from their home on horseback to see him.

"It is said that when Reuben Garnett, the next owner, bought slaves, he sent the money for them in baskets. He certainly had a large number of slaves as he left each member of a large family six or seven."

Reference: "Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory". March 31, 1937.

The author wishes to call attention to several mistakes in the above article.

First. Quiet Shade was never the "home place" of Anthony Garnett. His "home place" was The Horseshoe.

Reference: "History of St. Mark's Parish", by Dr. Philip Slaughter, p. 135.

Second. This place was conveyed to Reuben Garnett by deed. See Deed Book U, page 334, Culpeper County. This is a deed by Anthony Garnett to Reuben Garnett, both of Culpeper County, conveying to Reuben the land upon which he (Reuben) then lived "which I purchased of John Spotswood." Witnessed by Robert Garnett et al. Dated March 3, 1794.

Third. It must have been the brothers of Reuben who rode back from Kentucky on horseback to visit him as Anthony had no brothers in Kentucky.

After the death of John M. Garnett in 1949, Quiet Shade was sold and so passed out of the Garnett family after 178 years, save for 100 acres bought by Marion Garnett, a son.

### SPRING HILL

This old Garnett homestead is situated about ten miles south of Culpeper, Virginia, on Highway 15. It is not a mansion, but is a roomy old plantation home. The original tract comprising 176 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, was conveyed by Philip Slaughter and wife to Pierce Perry by deed, dated April 20, 1813 (Deed Book FF, page 472) and was conveyed by Pierce Perry and wife to Reuben Garnett by deed dated December 18, 1816



(Deed Book II, page 192). Probably the main part of the house was built before the property was acquired by Pierce Perry. Some additions to it have been built since.

In 1816 Elizabeth Garnett, daughter of Reuben Garnett, married James Garnett, son of Edmund Garnett, and they established their home at Spring Hill. The will of Reuben Garnett, dated April 10, 1838 and probated August 8, 1839 (Will Book O, pages 444-447) contains the following provision:

"Item Eight. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Garnett, wife of Revd. James Garnett, the tract of land on which they reside, purchased of Pierce Perry, to be held by them during their life and at their death to descend to their children."

By deed dated March 21, 1824 (Deed Book QQ, page 420) James Garnett acquired from Reuben Hudson two tracts adjoining the original 176 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres and totaling about 181 acres. James Garnett conveyed this property to his son Franklin E. Garnett by deed of gift, and Franklin E. Garnett gave the Hudson tract by will to his daughter Elsie, now Mrs. J. Robert Tinsley, and the original tract of 176 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres by will to his daughter Leigh, now Mrs. William R. Taliaferro, who still owns it.

Spring Hill takes its name from a copious and never failing spring at the foot of a little hill on which the house stands. No doubt the spring is the reason for the location of the house at that particular place.

The house is now, and has always been kept, in good repair. It has nine rooms, two halls, three bathrooms, an attic and an enclosed back porch. The central living room is 20 by 20 feet and contains an original model Franklin stove with brass ornamentation and accessories. The entire room has 3-foot oak wainscoting that was originally painted in the green which was popular in that early period. The floor is of wide heartpine boards. Some of the Holy Cross doors have huge iron locks and others have iron brackets on each side to hold the wooden plank with which the doors were barred preceding the use of locks.

Everything on the plantation and in the house was taken and carried away by the Northern soldiers in the Civil War, but the house itself was not damaged. The owners had the house and the land to come back to



when the War was over, and with that start, after much hardship, they built back to prosperity.

There are several huge oak trees around the house, but the largest of them all, one that covered the whole front yard, was destroyed by a storm in 1911. Tradition has it that the Indians stopping at the spring camped under that tree. Originally the front walk was bordered by a lilac hedge, but about 1870 this hedge was replaced by the boxwood hedge now there.

### ELMWOOD

The following is reproduced from the Number V, Volume IV, August, 1953 issue of "The Spur", a monthly magazine and almanac published at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and this in turn is taken from "Elmwood, Essex County, Virginia, and the Garnetts" by William Garnett Chisholm.

"THE HOUSE, which has a frontage of one hundred feet and a depth of over thirty feet, is of brick, mostly laid in Flemish bond and was built about 1774.

Entering through the south door into a wide hall which extends through the house, with corridors across the north front, the first room to the left was the music room and to the right the panelled library. Beyond the music room through a doorway in the hall transept is the drawing-room, while at the opposite end of the hall, (where the stairway was originally placed) was the entrance to the dining room and a pantry. The dining room has been converted into a modern kitchen to meet present day living requirements. The library, the fine collection of books which were presented by the late Mrs. Mitchell (Mary Barton Picton Garnett), together with several excellent pieces of furniture, to the University of Virginia, where they have been installed in a special room as a memorial to her father, the Hon. Muscoe Russell Hunter Garnett, is now used as a dining room. The drawing-room is 30x20 feet, and fully panelled. On the second floor a corridor extends the length of the house, on to which open five bedrooms, only one of which now has panelling.

"Muscoe Garnett (1736-1803) was born at 'Mount Pleasant' and was one of the largest landed proprietors in the County. Justice of Essex, vestryman of St. Anne's parish. He married Grace Fenton Mercer, one of the daughters of John Mercer of 'Marlborough', Stafford County, and his second wife, Ann Roy."



Since the death of Muscoe Garnett, Elmwood has passed by inheritance and devise through various owners. After 1903 it was unoccupied for a number of years. It is now owned by Muscoe Russell Hunter Garnett of Washington and New York City who, with his wife and family, spends much time at the estate and has undertaken to restore the house to its original plan.

### TAPPAHANNOCK COURTHOUSE

It seems fitting that mention should be made of the illustrious Garnetts of the Essex County line.

In the Courthouse at Tappahannock, Virginia, are two marble plaques in honor of the Hon. Muscoe Garnett of Ben Lomond and his seven Confederate sons. Another plaque honors Richard Brooke Garnett, Brig. General C.S. Army, killed at Gettysburg, 1863.

There are oil paintings of six Garnetts. Among them are Brig. Gen. Robert Selden Garnett, killed at Carrick's Ford, West Virginia, the first general in the War between the States to be killed on either side. A chapter is devoted to him in Vol. I of "Lee's Lieutenants" by Douglas Freeman.

Others were judges, members of Congress, or holders of various offices of honor.

In the street in front of the courthouse is a monument on the base of which are listed the names of those who gave their lives for the Confederacy. Among these are some thirteen Garnett officers and men. This accounts for the fact that the Garnett name is dying out in Virginia.



“WILLIAM GARNETT, TENNESSEE”  
OF THE ALAMO

The Alamo, first a mission and then a fort, is an historic building in San Antonio, Texas, noted as the scene of an heroic defense in the war between Texas and Mexico.

Cols. William B. Travis, James Bowie and Davy Crockett, with 180 men, were attacked here by 4,000 Mexicans under Gen. Santa Ana.

When preparing for the siege, knowing full well that it would be a fight to the death, Col. Travis drew a line across the Alamo and asked all those who chose to stay and fight it out with him to cross over. All crossed over. Col. Bowie, although wounded and ill with pneumonia, asked to be carried over in his cot.

After a siege lasting thirteen days, February 23 to March 6, 1836, during which time some five hundred of the attacking force were killed, a breach was made in the walls. In a final assault the Mexicans overpowered and slaughtered the garrison to the last man.

“Remember the Alamo” became the war cry of the Texans who, under Gen. Sam Houston, at San Jacinto, on April 21, 1836, defeated and captured Santa Ana.

Today the Alamo is the shrine dearest to the heart of every Texan. On bronze plaques about its walls are listed the names of the heroes who fell there. They are also listed on the base of the heroic monument on the street in front. Among these names is “William Garnett, Tennessee”. Although his ancestry has not yet been established he was without doubt a grandson or great grandson of Anthony Garnett. According to information furnished by the custodians of the Alamo, “William Garnett, age 24, rank private, immigrated to Texas from Tennessee. He was a Baptist preacher and his friends testify that ‘he was a man of unblemished character’ who lived in Robertson’s Colony at the Falls of the Brazos. He was a great admirer of Col. Travis.”



## LOVE'S LABOR—LOST AND WON

The parties who figure in the following letters are not in the lineage of the family of Robert K. Garnett, but belong to a collateral branch of the Garnett clan. They have been furnished us by Esther Garnett Bybee, the granddaughter of Robert S. and Virginia (Barclay) Garnett and are inserted here because they show something of the manner of courtship 125 years ago, which is certainly in marked contrast to the courtship today.

“Locust Forest”

Butter City, Ky.

August 10, 1830

“Miss Virginia,

“Although I have had the pleasure of an acquaintance with you for some time past, yet I am fully persuaded that the reception of this letter will be so very unexpected, that politeness would require me to make some apology in thus addressing you without any previous notice.

“When I inform you that the only apology I have to offer is merely an inclination on my part to do so, I must make an appeal to the goodness of your heart to pardon what some, perhaps you, may be disposed to style abruptness.

“The object of this communication is very candidly to open to you the sentiments of my heart on a very interesting subject—one that heretofore I have not given you the slightest intimation of.

“Entertaining toward you as I do Miss Virginia (or as I would much rather say were the expression allowable — My Dearest V ---- a), the highest degree of regard and sincere affection, I wish to know whether it will be consistent with your wishes to be united to myself in the sacred and very endearing connection of marriage. Should you answer this question in the affirmative I shall rejoice; if in the negative, I shall not repine.

“My views on this subject are that this is a matter of high importance and one in which persons should not engage, unless their affection be permanent, and such as will at all times, and on all occasions, be one source of joy and consolation to the heart. Permit me to subscribe Myself Yours, with the truest Sincerity.

ROBERT GAMBLE”



Evidently Miss Virginia did not accept the offer of Mr. Gamble, because a year later she received the following letter from Robert S. Garnett:

"Glasgow, Ky. Sept. 13, 1831

"Miss Virginia,

"I have thought of making some propositions to you for some time, thinking you would suit me for a companion from the acquaintance I have with you, I have become quite satisfied that you'd suit me better than any other girl that I know, and believing you to be a candid girl I shall expect a candid answer from you in return and would be glad if you would give me an answer as soon as you can consistently do so. I expect to start in a few days to the Missouri and if it would suit you it would be a satisfaction to me to know it, and if not it is your privilege to say not. I have now put the whole matter into your hands. It is with you to say whether you will marry me or not. If you should think proper to accept I will come down and see you, and we can arrange the matter to suit ourselves. The friends are generally well. You have my love and affection until death. Excuse errors.

ROBERT S. GARNETT"

Evidently Miss Virginia accepted the offer of Mr. Garnett and he did not rush off to Missouri as intended, because 20 days later he wrote her the following letter:

"Glasgow, Ky. October 7, 1831

"Dear Girl,

"In relation to our getting married, I am now anxious that it should take place at the time you propose. It can be as you please. All my feelings since I left there have been unpleasant about leaving you. It is my wish that you should answer this immediately. Write whatever you want me to do. It is not necessary for me to come down till the appointed time. I remain,

Your very affectionate friend  
ROBERT GARNETT"



## OUR REUNIONS

During the years the children of the Robert K. Garnett family have kept in close touch with each other, even though at times widely scattered. Of necessity, the first thing for each to do upon starting his or her life work was to make good at that job. The girls soon married and did their part in the success of their husbands. The boys applied themselves diligently in their chosen occupations.

By 1938, we had reached a point where we could spare the time and expense of a family reunion. In July of that year we had a reunion at the summer home of Vesper Garnett (Botts) Trodick on the shore of Flathead Lake, Montana. Six of the seven then living children, with in-laws and children, made seventeen in the party. Mamie was then an invalid and unable to make the trip. On the way we spent a day at Yellowstone National Park and on the return a day in Glacier National Park. We had a delightful two weeks together.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1938 we met again at Elmer's home in Altus, Oklahoma, in celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Will and Lou Botts.

In 1940 we met at the summer resort of Ruidoso, in the Sierra Blanca Mountains of New Mexico. All seven of the living children were there, and with children and grandchildren and in-laws, at one time there were thirty-two persons in attendance. We rented cottages and stayed two weeks with side trips to White Sands National Monument, Cloudcroft, and the interesting towns with the romantic names of Carrizozo, Tularosa and Alamogordo.

In 1942 we met at Elmer's home at Altus, Oklahoma. Lou had passed away in 1941, and Mamie was physically unable to attend. The other five were there with most of their children and grandchildren and in-laws. The gathering lasted only three or four days but was most enjoyable.

We had no other reunion during World War II, but in 1947 a party of nine, traveling in two cars, made a trip to Kentucky, Washington, D.C. and Virginia. On the way we visited The Hermitage at Nashville, Tennessee. In Kentucky we spent several days calling on Garnett families in Glasgow and in Columbia and in visiting the places where our Garnett



and Graves ancestors had lived in Boone County and the cemeteries where they were buried.

We were much interested in the homestead of our great grandfather, William H. Garnett, on the shore of the Ohio River at what was known as Garnett Landing in his day.

At Charlottesville, Virginia we visited the Garnett Room in the Library of the University of Virginia and were given an interesting talk by the librarian on the story of that room and its books.

We visited Monticello and Ash Lawn, then to Washington, Mount Vernon, our Garnett kin in Culpeper County, Virginia, Elmwood Mansion House, Williamsburg, Richmond, and home through North Carolina and Great Smokey Mountains National Park, Chattanooga, Vicksburg and Shreveport.

In 1948 nine of the immediate family took a Caribbean cruise on the United Fruit Company's S.S. Quirigua. We embarked at New Orleans, stopped two days at Havana, Cuba and three days at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala; thence back to New Orleans. Our plans and our tickets provided for a five-day inland tour of Guatemala, but due to cancellation of the sailing of the ship on which we were to return, our schedule was upset. The result was that we had to eliminate the Guatemala tour. The company did give us an interesting trip through one of its banana plantations.

In 1949, nine of the immediate family traveling by rail and car met at Vancouver, B.C.; thence we journeyed by boat through the Inside Passage to Skagway, Alaska and return to Vancouver. From Vancouver we took a side trip to Jasper, thence over the Columbia ice field to Lake Louise and Banff and from there home.

In 1950 we made a second trip to Virginia, especially to attend the Gordon-Garnett-Willis family reunion which is an annual affair and was held that year at Snow Hill the farm home of Robert O. Gordon, near Spotsylvania Courthouse. We went direct from Oklahoma City through Arkansas and Tennessee to Fredericksburg, Virginia. After the reunion we stayed a week at the Lord Culpepper Hotel in Culpeper and spent the time in looking up records of the Garnett family pedigree. We made a leisurely return through North Carolina with a visit to the Biltmore



Estate and a side trip to the Village of Spruce Pine to call on some friends; then through the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, with a rest stop of a few days at Gatlinburg, and thence home.

In 1951, eight of us in two cars went to a Garnett family reunion at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and from there, with stops at Indianapolis, Indiana and Champaign, Illinois, to the home of Betty (Garnett) Berst at Appleton, Wisconsin; and from there to the resort of Egg Harbor on Sturgeon Bay Peninsula. After a pleasant week spent there, we returned home by Wisconsin Dells, Madison, Wisconsin and our old family homestead at St. Marys, Illinois.

In 1952 Charles, Percie, Elmer and Lela made a trip to Europe, going by rail to Quebec and thence by the Cunard Liner S.S. Scythia to Southampton, England. On our tour we visited and saw the sights in London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Lucerne, Interlaken, Milan, Rome, Naples, Sorrento, Capri, Florence, Venice, Genoa, Nice, Paris, Edinburgh, Belfast, Dublin and Stratford. We returned on the S.S. Samaria from Southampton.

Rob and Hazel made a tour of the Northwestern and Pacific region of the United States with an extended visit with their niece, Vesper Garnett (Botts) Trodick, at Kalispell, Montana.

In 1953, eight of the family, some traveling by rail and some by plane, assembled at Los Angeles and there embarked on a 22 day excursion to the Hawaiian Islands. We had five days on the Matson Lines' S.S. Lurline going over and the same returning. Most of the twelve days there were spent on Oahu, mainly at Honolulu, but we also visited Maui and Hawaii, spending several days on the latter island. The entire trip was comfortable and delightful, with constant amazement at the wonders of that wonderland.

In 1954, nine of the family took a South American tour. We left New Orleans on the Delta Navigation Co.'s S.S. Del Norte. Our first stop was at the Island of St. Thomas. We arrived at Rio de Janeiro the day of the funeral of President Vargas, who had committed suicide the previous day, and were not allowed to go ashore. From Rio we proceeded to Santos and Sao Paulo, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires. From Buenos Aires we returned by plane to Rio, because we wanted to spend more time there than our boat stop had permitted. From there we went by plane to Lima,



Peru; Panama; Miami, Florida; Houston, Texas; and thence home.

In 1955, seven of the family flew to Mexico City for our annual family reunion. Because of ill health Charles was not able to join us. Three restful, pleasant weeks were spent at the beautiful spa, San Jose de Purua, also several interesting days in Mexico City.

The weight of the years is beginning to hang heavy and we wonder how many more happy reunion trips we will have. We are grateful that we have been permitted to have so many.













